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Above: The Elizabeth Taber statue in Bicentennial Park was surrounded on Saturday by representatives from the Elizabeth Taber Statue Committee and the Town of Marion. From left, sitting are landscape artist Susannah Davis, Statue Committee Chairperson Judith Rosbe and Publicity and Outreach Sub-Committee Chairperson Tinker Saltonstall. Standing, Town Administrator Jay McGrail, Marion Board of Selectmen Chairperson Randy Parker, and Statue Committee member Bob Raymond. Photo by Ryan Feeney

On the Cover: A murky morning gave way to a sun-drenched celebration of Elizabeth Taber as the bronze statue of "Marion's Fairy Godmother" was officially unveiled on October 17 in Bicentennial Park. Representatives from the Celebrate Elizabeth Taber Committee, Town of Marion officials, and sculptor Erik Durant addressed a large gathering of citizens who collected stickers and enjoyed music by the Academy Brass Quartet along with cupcakes. Photo by Ryan Feeney. See more photos on page 40.

A Grateful Community Welcomes Home Its 'Fairy Godmother'

By Marilou Newell

There was sunlight after a storm, rousing band music in the background, cupcakes, and a large warm and welcoming crowd when the Elizabeth Taber statue was officially "unveiled" and given to the Town of Marion. Sitting in casual posture yet with an elegance and grace one can only imagine Taber possessed in life, the statue

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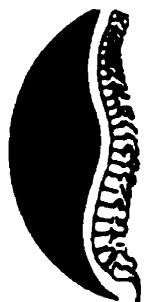
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is art on a grand, lifelike scale. The Bicentennial Park location at the corner of Spring and Pleasant streets means that, at last, Taber is back in the center of community life.

For more than two years, a dedicated group of benefactors along with a supportive and hardworking committee of nearly 30 people combined efforts to make the creation and placement of the Taber statue a reality.

On October 17 it all came together beautifully, not unlike the many buildings given to the community by Taber, whom many called the town's "Fairy Godmother." Waiting in the wings seated on a bench in the recently created garden in the park was the statue. Before short speeches were uttered, a small tent shielding the statue from earlier rains was carried away, fully exposing the bronze figure to her adoring public.

Taking to the patriotically decorated podium first was Celebrate Elizabeth Taber Statue Committee Chairperson Judith Rosbe, who recalled a conversation that fellow committee member Tinker Saltonstall had had with former selectman Al Winters, in which Winters lamented the lack of recognition for all that Taber had done for the community.

Sometime thereafter the committee was formed and began the process of finding the right sculptor for their project. Rosbe said they had wanted to secure a local artisan. "We didn't want to fly someone in from California," she said. The committee eventually received three responses to its invitation for concepts and costs. When the voting was done, Erik Durant of New Bedford was unanimously selected.

The Sippican Historical Society started off the fundraising by pledging \$50,000 to what would ultimately grow to more than \$175,000, Rosbe said. The Fundraising Committee was chaired by Betsy Fallon along with committee members Priscilla Ditchfield, Susan Grosart, Louise Nadler, Shelly Richins, Carolyn Rubenstein, Maryellen Shachoy, and Lisa Whitney.

Other committees Rosbe said were critical to the success of the project were the Site Committee chaired by Bob Raymond with members Nancy Braitmayer, Debbie Bush, Priscilla Ditchfield, Norm Hills, and Nan Johnson. And last but not least was the Publicity and Outreach

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Committee chaired by Tinker Saltonstall with members Dana Anderson, Debbie Bush, Laurie Knight, Robin Shields, Amanda Stone, and Margot Stone.

Of Durant's work, Rosbe said, "I love the intimacy of her sitting on a bench." She said the committee had a lot of ideas, but in the end, it was Durant's artistic vision that they agreed was the best. Rosbe explained that the statue's posture is what is called *contrapposto*, an Italian term which means the arms and shoulders while pointed in a specific direction are somewhat turned but balanced when compared to the torso and legs. Taber's statue shows her gazing slightly northwest towards the library bearing her name.

Board of Selectmen Chairperson Randy Parker spoke next, giving a verbal sketch of all that Taber had done for the community and her history that is now published in the New Bedford Whaling Museum's Lighting the Way program.

Taber lived in New Bedford after marrying Stephen. She would suffer greatly with the loss of all three of her children and later her husband. As a widow, she

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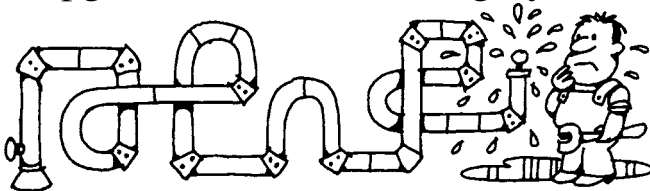
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retired into her County Street home only to emerge nearly a decade later and return to Marion where she had been born in 1791 at the confluence of Marin and South streets.

Once back in Marion, she made it her business to bring “snap back” to the town she loved so dearly. The “snap” would be, as she is quoted as saying, “for the improvement and embellishment of my native place, lovely Marion by the sea.” To that end, there are six buildings in all for which her legendary wealth was given for the betterment of the townspeople. Those buildings remain standing today – the library which also houses the Natural History Museum, the Music Hall, the stone chapel across the road from the First Congregational Church, the founding of Tabor Academy, and the building of a home for its headmaster.

At the end of Parker’s comments, the Board of Selectmen moved to accept the statue as a gift to the town when it was time to make the official transfer of ownership.

Durant was asked to say a few words about the masterpiece he crafted. He thanked the committee for their trust first and foremost. While there had been a bit of controversy about the pipe the statue is holding and the positioning of her legs in the seated position, for Durant it was all about giving the final piece humanity. “It’s designed to be interactive,” he joked, saying it was ripe for taking selfies. “I designed it so you’d move around it and so that the back would be just as interesting as the

front.

“It’s not a monument to what she has done, but it’s bringing her to us ... just sitting here ... a real person.”

Rosbe said there was a fund for the continued maintenance of the site and to keep the statue clean and “not turning green.”

The event was made more festive with music from the Sanborn’s Academy Brass Quartet headed by former Tabor Academy music chairman Phil Sanborn, “Celebrate Elizabeth Taber” stickers, and mini-cupcakes.

Autumn Striped Bass Migration Makes for an Active Canal

By George B. Emmons

When the family of ospreys moved south in late September, leaving behind the empty nest on a tall pole just behind our seaside terrace on Little Bay in Fairhaven, my wife Jan and I thought our afternoon bird-watching entertainment had come to a close until next Spring. However, the panoramic view there extends for several miles up and down the coastline in both directions for a diverse wildlife observation. And as shorter days and longer nights soon brought a change of activity, the empty void around the shore was soon filled with clamoring flocks of diving gulls and terns to snatch up rising baitfish driven up to the surface of the water to escape schooling striped bass (see illustration).

As a prized trophy-game fish around Buzzards Bay, the striped bass has earned an abridged nickname of “striper” by devoted anglers, many of whom are dedicated fly fishermen and women for this iconic effigy of the sport-fishing mentality.

The striper is named for the seven dark stripe markings that extend all along the upper body from head to tail. Similarly, the popular brook trout has been dubbed “a brookie” by freshwater followers. And because the striper is frequently taken close to shore of their preferred habitat, rocky jetties, and breakwater peninsulas, it is often considered a rock bass. Along the reaches of autumn migration south, it is a route below the water of the Atlantic flyway of the ospreys, following their seasonal retreat.

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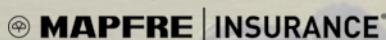
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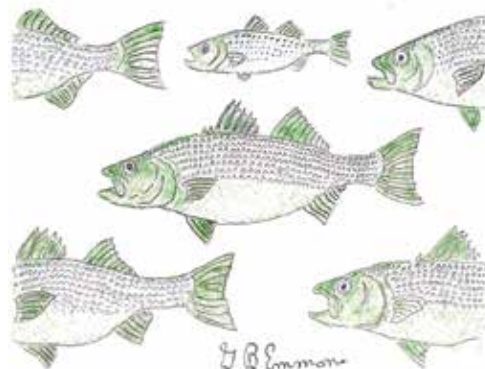
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Sportsmanship is the byword of the striped world, as is conservation to preserve the species to recover from commercial over-fishing of the year 1970 with strict regulations to keep only one fish, more than 28 inches or more than 35 inches. These ranges of size give smaller ones a chance to grow bigger and larger ones, often females, the opportunity to annually lay a half-million eggs.

State and federal tagging programs have revealed that, after migrating south from here, they head for the mouth of the Hudson, Connecticut, or Delaware rivers, as far as the Chesapeake Bay.

They are anadromous, meaning they are looking to return to their natal river source to spawn in freshwater. This phenomenon is also practiced by



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herring, shad, and salmon. How they are able to find the very ideal location, often where they themselves were spawned, is a matter we researched with Dartmouth College when I was active with the Berkshire Hatchery for the Connecticut salmon restoration program. We began by correcting the identification failures by imprinting the fingerlings to be stocked with fluids of amino acids of the Connecticut River itself so that, when they later in life migrated down from Newfoundland past the outgoing current, they would recognize it as coming from their mother pools and turn in to follow their lead to the source.

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the deciduous forest with brilliant shades of autumn, and schools of striped bass are following the ospreys in migration. They are moving by as falling leaves fly by our seaward windows, toward the spawning location of their own reincarnation as orchestrated by the planets in the heavens.

Steep Sewer Bill Draws Resident's Rebuke

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Board of Selectmen approved two of six Water/Sewer abatement requests, that is appeals made by homeowners who believe they were unfairly charged, during Monday's meeting at the Music Hall.

Bernie Greenwood's request for an abatement to the \$2,214.93 sewer portion of a quarterly water/sewer bill over \$4,000 at his 408 Front Street address was last on the list of those to be considered. Greenwood was not one of the two to gain the corroboration of the Department of Public Works and receive a sewer abatement. He got stuck with his bill and he voiced his displeasure to the selectmen in no uncertain terms.

"I think you're illegal because you don't have a sewer meter. You're charging me based on the water meter," said Greenwood, pointing out that neighboring Mattapoisett installs sewer meters. "I feel that you guys are pulling a fast one, not only on me but on the 70 other people on Facebook said that they got bills that are

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Greenwood said his prior sewer bill was for \$343. "I'm being charged for water that I used, but I can't accept the sewerage because it went into my plants. The water that went into the soil didn't go into the (sewer) system ..."

Selectman John Waterman said he, too, had a sewer bill reaching in several thousand dollars that he was forced to pay. Waterman laid out an explanation on how sewer usage is measured and gave a big-picture outline of Marion's fiscal frustration over its inability to afford needed infrastructural repairs and updates, all the while falling further behind a recommended schedule.

Greenwood further explained that he collects

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Greenwood was told his increase is related to a drip hose he uses. Even so, he vehemently disagreed with being billed for water that he says went into the earth.

"You're going to be forcing people to leave town," Greenwood told the selectmen. "You're adding \$13 to the sewerage rate in one quarter, it's unbelievable. One or two dollars is one thing. You're not doing your job."

Waterman explained the town was forced to borrow \$8,000,000 to comply with an order to line the lagoons at the wastewater treatment plant, driving up rates on taxpayers.

"The state comes along and says you have to spend \$8,000,000 on your wastewater treatment plant. We met every requirement and they changed the rules," he said. "We're not happy with the water bill, we're not happy with the sewer bill ... we're not trying to make money."

Waterman took the opportunity to explain to the meeting that, while most of Marion's water-related infrastructure is 50 years old and outdated, the town is backing off of initial efforts to spend \$2,000,000 every two years to upgrade its system. "We don't think the rate

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structure can handle it," he said, referencing an ongoing study aimed at finding a middle ground to address problems in hopes of improvement every four years at the cost of \$1,000,000. "People have to realize we're going to fall further behind. We'll just have to deal with it as it happens."

Waterman said the state has been of no assistance and that he would not vote to reelect Governor Baker.

Town Administrator Jay McGrail urged concerned citizens to write to state representative William Strauss. "Now's a good time to do it," said McGrail. Selectman Norm Hills is writing an update to Strauss on behalf of the town.

Greenwood's abatement request was denied,

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but McGrail said the town works with citizens needing assistance and would reach out to Greenwood the next day.

In a 4:15 pm appointment delayed by the extensive discussion about water-sewer issues, the case of Shea Doonan's revoked aquaculture license resurfaced as the town considers four applicants seeking licenses to use his location.

Doonan told the selectmen he would like to transfer his license and has multiple interested parties that, if deemed qualified, could save him some of his lost investment. "There are people willing to give me money for the equipment," he said.

Harbormaster Isaac Perry said, "It's in the board's purview right now. I think it's best that we review what we have in hand."

Doonan said he had a deal in place to recover some of the money he invested, but he is legally not part of the process in which the town is now engaged. McGrail told Perry that, if one candidate is clearly better the selectmen would listen to such a recommendation but that presenting two or three candidates would be the protocol.

Doonan believed he could recover money for boats and equipment, but Perry offered only partial agreement. "The boats, yeah, the gear and the product on-site, no," he said.

Assistant Harbormaster Adam Murphy said that

Doonan does not have the authority to transfer the shellfish product unless an applicant is reached through Marine Fisheries.

McGrail explained that the selectmen will transfer the site to the best candidate.

Perry will meet with the Marine Resources Commission and come back to the selectmen with a recommendation on a candidate to take over the site Doonan had occupied.

McGrail visited Old Rochester Regional High School, the site for the November 5 Special Town Meeting, and toured the auditorium with Facilities Director Gene Jones. Marion will also use the ORR gymnasium for overflow seating; the gym will have audio/video feed, and residents viewed in the gym will be able to walk over to the nearby auditorium to address the meeting.

Fire Chief Brian Jackvony is scheduled to speak about COVID-19 safety, and Waterman suggested the town use the meeting as an opportunity to recognize Chief of Police John Garcia, who is to retire at the end of the calendar year.

McGrail assigned article preparation for the November 5 Special Town Meeting warrant as follows: Chairperson Randy Parker Articles 1-2; Waterman Articles 3-4; the Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee Articles 5-8; and Waterman Article 9. Due to a conflict, Hills cannot attend the Special Town Meeting.

In his Town Administrator's Report, McGrail noted that the town is recommending the opposite to tradition at Halloween, encouraging outdoor activities over indoor parties. An email blast to residents detailed guidelines for trick-or-treating.

A Veterans Day Celebration will be held 11:00 am at Old Landing, where Parker will speak. Afterward, there will be a drive-through veterans' lunch served at the Community Center.

The Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting will be held at 7:00 pm Thursday, October 22, via Zoom. It will address common matters including the agreement with ORCTV, but the ORR School District agreement will not be discussed because ORR is waiting on the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for budget approval.

Recent feedback from citizens has influenced a change from 4:00 pm Board of Selectmen meetings to 6:00 pm beginning with the new year.

Parker thanked the Marion Garden Club members whom he noticed working in the rain on Tuesday.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was not scheduled at Tuesday's meeting.

Nick's Pizza Faces Temporary

Suspension of Licenses

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

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meeting was held in Mattapoisett. The continued hearing concluded that Nick's Pizza should be sanctioned for not adhering to Governor Baker's emergency orders for the wearing of facemasks by staff working in the popular restaurant.

After discussion and hearing from the business's representative, the board agreed that both common victualer and malt and wine licenses would be suspended. No food may be served on October 25 and 26, a two-day suspension, and no beer or wine may be served between October 25 and October 31, a seven-day suspension.

The continued hearing took a far different tone than the communication that precipitated the special meeting.

After swearing in the representatives of the business, Daphne and Kosta Vrakas and Board of Health Agent Kayla Davis by the town's counselor, Brian Riley of KP Law, Selectman Paul Silva read the charges. Silva stated that between May 26 and September 30, anonymous as well as verifiable complaints were received stating that masks were not being worn by restaurant staff.

Davis stated that, when she visited the establishment, complaints had been received and continued to be received after her inspection; she did not witness staff without masks. She said that during her visits and when speaking to Thanasi Vrakas (not present

during the hearings), "things didn't go well." At the October 13 meeting of the Board of Selectmen when the hearing was first opened, Davis had testified that Vrakas had said he would not comply with "fake masks rules." She said that management expressed their opinions about the wearing of masks.

On June 20 a letter was hand-delivered to the restaurant management to alert them that mask compliance was being breached. That letter was delivered by Christine Richards, who works in the Selectmen's office. A second hand-delivered letter reached Nick's Pizza management on October 14 after an earlier missive via certified mail advising the business of the hearing was not collected by the business at its post office box.

Kosta and Daphne Vrakas were asked by Silva if they wished to make a statement. Thanasi's younger brother Kosta was quick to respond.

"I'm half owner," Kosta Vrakas began. He apologized for his older brother's reactions to Davis' site visits, saying, "My older brother is hot-headed, (and) I clash with him every day. None of what he said that day reflects how we do business." He said when he found out what had transpired, "I was shocked."

Vrakas said that after the statewide shutdown in March, "We were scared." He said since reopening, "It's been non-stop crazy busy," and again apologized for his brother's behavior and stated that their stress had been very high.




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The selectmen took turns airing their opinions.

Selectman John DeCosta began by asking the question, "What in the future ensures this won't happen again?" Vrakas said that most rules have been enforced on a daily basis. He said that a couple of employees had respiratory problems, but that at least one of those employees no longer works at the restaurant. "I guess ... no mask, no employment," he offered.

Silva spoke next, saying, "We, the board, were very concerned about getting businesses opened as soon as possible, to help them within the constraints of the governor's orders. The Board of Health helped ... we really wanted to help. However, more importantly was making sure our residents are safe when doing business." Silva went on to say that Mattapoisett was surrounded by towns now in the "red zone" with high numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases and that new cases in Mattapoisett had also recently been reported. "Obviously we are very concerned ... we want to make sure everyone complies."

Silva confirmed with counsel that the town did not have the authority to impose fines but that withdrawal of permits to operate the business was an option. The selectmen discussed permit suspensions.

DeCosta stated, "This business has been a positive in the community," adding that he didn't want to hurt businesses and yet safety had to be taken into consideration and, "it's a matter of fairness to other

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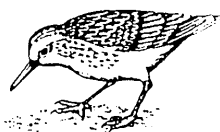
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businesses." He said he had wrestled with what penalties should be imposed.

Selectman Jordan Collyer added his voice. "The rules were violated and documented. I don't give credit to anonymous complaints but, written complaints, I can go with that. It's the trend I can't ignore." He said he also could not ignore that other businesses were complying and, while Nick's was "a pivotal business," the health and welfare of the community is at stake. While he thanked the family members and business owners for their willingness to attend the hearing, he also stated, "there was a blatant disregard for authority, rules were violated."

Silva said, "We all feel that Nick's has been good to the community, but there was a pattern, there were violations." Fairness to other business owners, Silva said, weighed into the board's decision.

As the board members discussed the length of time Nick's Pizza would lose its permits, Collyer made his position clear. "If the trend continues, I'd have no problem calling a hearing for any other businesses; anything I move tonight will be consistent with other hearings."

Davis was directed to visit the business after its reopening and to report her findings to the selectmen.

Codification Would Vet, Update and Unlock a 'Wealth of Information'

Rochester Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

Article 6 of the warrant for Rochester's November 16 Special Town Meeting won't be the most expensive, but its benefits may outlast those of the other eight articles that have been approved by the Rochester Board of Selectmen and the town's Finance Committee.

The final votes to those approvals took place during the selectmen's joint hybrid/remote access meeting with FinCom, the Capital Planning Committee, town moderator, and town clerk on October 19.

The \$15,000 price tag to hire a consultant for the codification of Rochester's bylaws is what Town Clerk Paul Dawson openly anticipated would be a maximum expenditure, possibly less and/or with an extended schedule to "ease the pain a bit." Dawson will have

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a final price by Town Meeting. He told the selectmen and FinCom that it is a process he has managed on several occasions and insisted it will be well worth the investment.

The two pieces to the codification update include a deep dive in the immediate to make necessary changes to and/or clean up old bylaws, delete those that are extinct and ensure attorney general approval. The cost for ongoing maintenance is estimated to be approximately one-tenth of the initial amount.

The service comes with a number of bound hard copies, a searchable online document including details on when changes were made. Dawson called it a user-friendly document.

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"It's nothing we want to do in-house," said Selectman Woody Hartley.

Town Counsel Blair Bailey said, "If we don't spend (the money to get it done), we end up in the same position."

Dawson said that the documents that on hand emanate from work done up to six years ago, and a typical codification project can go take to two years to complete just to get the basic documents in place. Then the company will find out if the bylaws are legal with larger jurisdictions such as region, state, and federal levels. Once that analysis is complete, the results can be brought to Town Meeting for vote.

"This includes a legal review as well," said Hartley.

Having asked questions that precipitated the revelation of the codification's underlying value, Zoning Boards of Appeals Chairman Dave Arancio considered it a wealth of information. "That's where I live," he said, "in the weeds, so I appreciate the town counsel and the clerk. Thanks for your time."

Article 6 was among nine reviewed at Monday's meeting.

Articles 1-4 would allow the town to purchase trucks with plows, a tractor with a snowblower for the Highway and Facilities departments. The amounts range from \$35,500 (used equipment that new could cost up to \$170,000), \$90,000, \$69,000 and \$51,000.

Other items included a transfer to the Public Safety Stabilization Fund of \$100,000 and transfer to the Capital Improvements Fund of \$200,000.

The Assessors were approved for a supplemental budget of \$8,000 to overlap their retiring principal assessor during the transition period from January to June 30 of 2021.

Article 7 is a pilot agreement proposal with Rochester MA 4, LLC, a Delaware-based developer with a Duxbury address, to see if payments in lieu of taxes can be made for a solar array the company wants to operate at 139 Sarah Sherman Road comparable in size to the solar farm on Mattapoissett Road. FinCom Chairman Kris Stoltenberg asked what would happen if the town



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voted against the arrangement. Bailey explained that the company would pay taxes; the purpose of a pilot program is to guarantee the town a revenue stream and at the same time let the company lockdown that cost.

After the warrant was reviewed and approved, the Finance Committee adjourned.

The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library opens on Monday, October 26, for the first time since the shutdown of state and municipal buildings in March.

"We are at long-last ready to reopen, starting a week from tonight," Gail Roberts, the town's library director, told the selectmen, albeit with restrictions subject to the approval of the library's trustees and Health Director Karen Walega.

Visits to the library, at 17 Constitution Way, are to be held by appointment only and for no longer than 30 minutes. The governor's stipulations include browsing but no inside programs. Facemasks will be required. New features at the library include self-service to check out items via a phone app called Hoopla. Patrons will also be able to download online items. A press release was scheduled to go out on Monday night, and Roberts also reported substantial improvement in the basement.

Rochester has received \$33,990 in its first-ever Green Communities grant-program disbursement. The funds apply to FY20. The town is eligible to apply over a three-year period for up to \$135,960 for FY2021, but a more aggressive approach is anticipated.

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In her Town Administrator's Report, Suzanne Szyndlar reported a Zoom meeting with Mark Weiland, Covanta's new market-area asset manager. Covanta is one of the biggest taxpayers in Rochester.

Szyndlar reported that the recycling grant is complete, and there will be no more inspection of bins for contaminants.

The lighting project has been completed at the Senior Center on Dexter Road, and weather stripping of Rochester Memorial School doors will commence on Monday, October 26.

Szyndlar gave a town building update including the completion of an elevator that is now waiting on state inspection. An intercom system has been installed

at the Annex building, which is admitting visitors on a limited basis. "We're working on that for Town Hall," said Szyndlar, adding that a new video system allows employees to see a visitor outside the building and talk with them.

Contract negotiations are beginning with Chief of Police Robert Small.

The Tri-Town Zoom meeting of Rochester selectmen with Marion and Mattapoisett counterparts is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 pm. The meeting is posted at marionma.gov. The Tri-Town contract with ORCTV remains on the agenda, but the joint agreement with the Old Rochester Regional School District was pulled as ORR is still waiting on essential financial information from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The ORCTV audit has been completed for 2018, and Szyndlar told the selectmen that 2019 is being worked on now.

A Verizon pole hearing for private residents will be held on November 2.

In other business, the selectmen reviewed and accepted the 2020 herring-migration report from Alewives Anonymous, Inc.

Ominique Garner, of A.V. Rose Farms, 628 Walnut Plain Road, was appointed to the town's Agricultural Commission.

Hartley said he would like to see the town establish a consistent process for when the town is considering purchasing a parcel of land.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, November 2.

What the Doctor Said

Marion Board of Health

By Marilou Newell

Prior to the October 20 meeting of the Marion Board of Health, Chairperson Dr. Edward Hoffer had distributed via email published comments written by his friend and medical colleague Dr. Steven Kanner, who has over 50 years of practicing internal medicine. Kanner's insights into the current pandemic were appreciated by the members and believed to be critical details worthy of

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In his text Kanner states, "SARS-CoV-2 is not going away anytime soon. Infections in Massachusetts have crept up to high hundreds in the past week...and national infections are over 40,000 daily ... national deaths continue to accumulate at discouraging rates. Cold weather is likely to facilitate even more infections."

Kanner said that, while a vaccine will be found, widespread distribution isn't likely until the third quarter of 2021. He said that a moderately effective vaccine with 60 to 70 percent efficacy would slow the spread, but with exposure, infection rates would be 30-40 percent.

Other notable sound bites from Kanner contained advice on what to do if one becomes ill and the disease is confirmed via testing - isolation at home. Mild cases will last 10-14 days. Isolation of 10 days after initial symptoms is prescribed, and a positive test requires the quarantine period.

Disease transmission was another important point of Kanner's, in which he stated that while distancing of 6 feet or more is helpful, aerosol transmission, fine virus-carrying mist, can float and persist in the air and can move widely indoors in spite of masks. Good handwashing remains high on the list of helping to prevent transmission and infection, as well as the wearing of masks.

In summary, Kanner tells us, "This is our life for the next six months, almost for sure: You must continue

to wear a mask whenever in contact with others, continue to socially distance (at least 6 feet) even when you have a mask on, and wash your hands (or use sanitizer) frequently. Outdoor activities can be done without a mask if you are truly separated from others, otherwise a mask remains necessary for everyone's protection. All indoor events carry risk of infection despite masks and separation."

Public Health Nurse Lori Desmarais reported that Marion has 22 cases of COVID-19 with two currently active cases. She said that she was working closely with the Sippican School nurse and that contact tracing was well in hand. Tabor was another bright spot as Desmarais reported testing had gone well and that a campus flu clinic would reach all remaining students and staff needing inoculation.

Of the two cases reported at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, Desmarais said the people were not from Marion, prompting Board of Health member Dot Brown to quip, "But it affects Marion, right?"

Flu clinics have been conducted Desmarais reported with a second public clinic planned for Friday, October 23. While the final clinic is via appointment when asked by Hoffer was there sufficient vaccine for people just showing up, she confirmed they could be served. When the clinics have closed for the season Marion's Public Health outreach would have provided some 250 vaccinations.



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Board of Health Agent Dave Flaherty reported that CERT training had begun with Marion Police and Fire departments.

Flaherty also shared that he has been following up complaints of youths gathering without wearing masks and that the Police Department was assisting in this matter. There had also been mask complaints from customers of restaurants that were also being investigated.

On the matter of derelict buildings, Flaherty noted that 464 Front Street remained a problem and that the police were following up complaints that minors were living in the building. Hoffer said he had had a conversation with the property owner's attorney, who stated that measures to clean up the property were underway with contractors hired. Flaherty said that not much was being done to the property. If the site does not comply with mandated clean-up, a standing order to tear down the single-family home in December will be carried

out.

Clean up at 26 Pitcher Street is underway, Flaherty said, but neighboring 33 Pitcher remained a problem. He said, "I don't know how to get a hold of someone who doesn't pick up their mail."

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health was not announced before adjournment.

ConCom May No Longer Sweat the Small Stuff

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Matthew Donato

Town Counsel Blair Bailey joined the Rochester Conservation Commission meeting held on October 20 to discuss potential changes to the commission's application process surrounding minor projects. The proposed changes to the application process came after numerous applicants came before the commission seeking permission to perform minor work such as tree cutting and pruning.

Bailey explained to the commission that following the initial request from Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon for a potential change to the procedure on minor applications, he has been working closely with Commission Chair Michael Conway. "We have had a couple of meetings to discuss minor issues coming before the board," Bailey told the commission.

According to Bailey, the problem of minor applications slowing down the commission is not one that is unique to Rochester. In fact, many other towns have implemented strategies to mitigate the impact that numerous minor projects have on conservation commission agendas. "A number of conservation commissions have enacted changes that allow the conservation agent to make a threshold determination as to projects that are minor in nature and do not require a formal filing," said Bailey.

Granting the town's conservation agent the authority to deal with these minor projects has a number of advantages. Mainly, it allows work to commence faster, which saves time and money on behalf of applicants and the town. In addition, the removal of insignificant projects from the commission's agenda allows for greater time and

investment in projects that have a larger impact.

One issue surrounding the proposal relates to where the line should be drawn on the extent of commission authority given to the conservation agent. Most requests that would fall under the conservation agent's authority related to tree cutting and projects that pose an imminent risk to applicants. Bailey suggested that if the proposal to allow the conservation agent to independently review these projects goes forward, then the commission should determine the types of minor projects that would fall under Farinon's purview.

Bailey explained that he would work to develop two distinct proposals for the commission to review. One would grant a restricted capacity for the conservation agent, while the other proposal would present a broader scope and more freedom in independent decision making by the town's conservation agent.

The specific steps forward are unclear. Bailey revealed that some towns have made changes to their bylaws to codify the authority of the conservation agent in making these decisions. Other towns have chosen a more informal approach and simply rely on the agent's experience and knowledge to determine whether a certain project requires a formal application. In either case, Bailey strongly recommended that the conservation agent closely track and present each project informally to the commission so that its members are aware of them. The commission agreed to discuss the topic in further



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meetings, while awaiting the proposals from Bailey.

Following the discussion surrounding minor projects, the commission moved to review a public hearing pertaining to new wetlands delineations on Neck Road. Ryan Young, representing the applicants for the proposal, explained that wetlands scientist Ward Smith was hired to draw up a new map of the wetlands on the site in question.

According to Smith, he approached the task with a conservative approach in order to make sure that any proposed wetlands boundaries would clearly protect the resource areas. Farinon expressed agreement that the delineation seems to be accurate from the knowledge of the site she gained on her visit to the area.

Multiple abutters to the applicant joined the public hearing to express their concerns surrounding the new delineation. Their primary concern related to inconsistencies on the site map with their own experience living near the area. According to the abutters, the map does not accurately represent all of the wetlands areas that are located on the property. The Conservation Commission agreed that it would be best to hire a third-party scientist to draw up their own delineation and resolve any inconsistencies.

Young agreed that a continuance of the public hearing would be beneficial. The Conservation Commission voted to continue the public hearing until November 17 to allow for an independent delineation of

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The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held remotely over Zoom on Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 pm.

Randall Lane Solar Array Brings Questions

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

It was a packed remote meeting room on October 19 when the Planning Board opened the hearing for a site-plan review of a proposed solar array off Randall Lane. Property owned by Randall Lane LLC, if approved, will contain up to 78 acres of which 30 will be utilized for the expected 20,000 solar panels needed to produce 7.7 megawatts of energy. Those 30 acres will be in two separate locations on the property to make the best use of available uplands.

It was good news to many in attendance to learn from Lars that an existing 1741 homestead and barn will not be directly impacted by the construction of the array.

Coming before the board to present the project was Eric Las of the engineering firm Beals and Thomas, as well as Joe Harrison, director of project development for SunRaise, a Portsmouth, New Hampshire-based solar development company.

Before Las launched into the nuts and bolts of the project, board Chairman Tom Tucker had letters and emails sent to the board regarding the project read into

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the minutes. A letter from abutter David Nicolosi spoke to damage that might be caused by heavy trucks using a narrow dirt lane and the inability to easily navigate turning on said lane.

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission spoke to concerns that the historic stone bridge might be in harm's way during construction and urged conditioning safeguards and restrictions in the event the project advances to construction phases. While comments from letter writers were not in opposition to the project, putting rules and conditions in place to protect existing roadways, easements, and access by property owners were expressed.

Las painted the technical aspects with a light brush as it was understood that several more meetings will need to take deeper dives before closing the public hearing. On this night he discussed stormwater systems, site fencing, erosion controls, underground conduits for electrical transmission, storage batteries, and transformers.

Of the erosion control design, Las called it a "robust sediment primacy control," that included silk socks and fencing. Stump grindings would be used in the early deforestation phase, Las said, to aid with water sheeting from the site. He also noted that a large sector which had been used for agricultural purposes was already empty of trees.

During the public-comment portion of the

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hearing, Bob Spooner, neighbor to the project and member of the Mattapoisett Historical and Mattapoisett Agricultural commissions, asked if better signage might be placed at the bridge to help alert drivers to the weight restriction. (The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has restricted vehicles more than 2.5 tons.) Spooner also asked if a bond would be put in place exclusively for any damages created by construction-related vehicles using the bridge. Tucker responded, "All your concerns will be taken into account." Going further Tucker said, "They won't be using that bridge."

Later in the proceedings, Tucker said the Planning Board could ask for a police officer detail at the River Road and Randall Lane intersection to aid in keeping

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large trucks off the bridge span, calling it, "the cost of doing business. We are going to be very attentive."

Contrasting this proposed project against the completed Crystal Springs Road solar array a short distance as the crow flies from Randall Lane, Tom Gronski of 25 River Road said he was worried that heavy vehicles would be coming and going all hours of the day and night. He noted that during the Crystal Springs build-out up to 10 tractor-trailers were lined up with motors idling.

John Duke, 12 Randall Lane, asked, "How does this help the town?" That question remained unanswered, but he further commented that Randall Lane is often unpassable after a snow event.

Planning Board member Nathan Ketchell asked Las if the project would be going before the Zoning Board of Appeals since it would be a change of use. Las responded "no," that he had been advised by the zoning enforcement officer that would not be necessary, just the Planning Board's site-plan review. A surprised Ketchell asked that the Planning Board contact the Building Department for clarification. Las also stated that the town's counsel had participated in discussions that called for Planning Board site-plan review but not Zoning Board of Appeals permitting.

In a follow-up call to Andy Bobola, director of Inspectional Services for the town, he said that there had been discussions between the applicant, town counsel, and himself in which various permitting scenarios were

reviewed. "It was determined that the town's interests would be best served by the Planning Board and its site-plan review process," Bobola explained, negating the need for a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.

In fact, during the Planning Board hearing, for more than an hour board members asked a series of questions, made comments, and requested more details of Las and his team.

The hearing was continued until November 2, at which time the board has asked that the topic surety be the focus.

In other matters, the board approved the removal of a maple tree at risk of falling on Shipyard Lane, and continued informal discussions with Douglas Schneider for a residential subdivision planned off Park Street.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for November 2 at 7:00 pm.

Editor's Note: Author Marilou Newell is a member of the Mattapoisett Historical Commission.

Busy Night Leaves ConCom Waiting on Continued Proposals

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

Amidst a complex beachside project, Marion Conservation Commission Chairperson Shaun P. Walsh told applicant Lance Scott that continuances and requests are for his benefit because a hasty approval by the commission could be appealed at the state level.

Lance and Kathleen Scott filed a Notice of Intent for site redevelopment on the lot across from 18 Wianno Road. The work included the removal of invasive vegetation and the construction of a formal stone rip-rap slope and beach nourishment. The hearing was continued from September 23.

The Scotts were represented by engineer David Davignon, who explained the effort in detail. The new plan is not to disturb any of the boulders on the beach, but small stones and pieces of concrete will be picked up to help create a sandy surface. They are now proposing what will amount to a 15- by 30-foot beach expansion, including a gentle slope of beach grass. The roadside



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parking area was eliminated; that area will now become lawn.

Walsh said Marion is the only town in the region of Massachusetts without a conservation agent so the assistance of Andrew Poyant, the Department of Environmental Protection's Wetlands circuit rider, has been enlisted for feedback. Walsh said it is only the second time ConCom has sought help from that state-level source and that having done so will likely help avoid the DEP taking issue with a ConCom approval.

He told Davignon he would like to schedule a site visit prior to the next meeting. He also encouraged Davignon to look at old photos that were filed decades ago in reference to prior activities at the site.

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"We've got a whole team of experts; we're really trying to do the best we can," said Lance Scott, alluding to each iteration costing time and money. "It's an unsightly lot at this time, we're trying to clean it up ... I think there should be some reasonable, good-faith effort to provide some resolution here."

Walsh said that ConCom is "trying to get this right" because, "if we don't," the DEP can appeal it to themselves. ConCom continued the case to Wednesday, October 28, at 7:10 pm. There will be a site visit on Saturday morning, October 24.

The hearing was one of 11 scheduled, along with several action items and other correspondence that made an October 14 meeting last 2 hours and 25 minutes.

Meantime, two ongoing projects at Kittansett Club and Wings Cove were continued at the request of the applicants to October 28.

The Kittansett Club's Notice of Intent, previously continued from September 9 and 23 for expansion of its overflow parking lot on the southern end of its 11 Point Road property, was met with ConCom's request that the club explore an alternative plan to avoid heavily impacting vegetated wetlands partly within the 100-foot buffer zone to a coastal bank and home to wildlife habitat. The October 28 hearing is scheduled for 7:00 pm.

Walsh indicated that the Friends of Wings Cove, homeowners at 35, 43, 51, 67, 75, 83, 95, and 99 Holly Road who have been seeking the removal of phragmites

from their properties adjacent to their properties, may file a new NOI after a third continuance to October 28 at 7:30 pm.

Aucot Cove Properties LLC filed an NOI to demolish an existing barn and build a new barn at 98 Indian Cove Road. Davignon represented the applicant and explained that the existing barn/workshop that does not comply with FEMA regulations would be torn down and replaced by a barn that does have flood vents and will comply with FEMA regulations. It is a flood-zone project subject to coastal saltwater flowage. ConCom conducted a site visit on October 10. In keeping with remote-access public-hearing policy, the hearing was continued to October 28 at 7:20 pm.

Three public hearings were closed.

Timothy Dexter of the state Department of Transportation received a negative determination of applicability after a hearing that was continued from September 23 for work at Wareham Road (Route 6) and Jerei Lane. The project will remove hot-mix-asphalt (flexible) sidewalks and wheelchair ramps and installation of concrete sidewalks and wheelchair ramps, granite curbing, thermoplastic crosswalks, pavement markings, and utility and drainage adjustments. ConCom member Cynthia Callow researched the matter and recommended the negative determination.

Marion Garden Group was issued a negative determination of applicability for maintenance work that included cutting down trees that had sprouted at the base of four bio-retention basins at Island Wharf. Vice-Chair Marc Bellanger researched the project and recommended the negative determination.

Also continued from September 23, 122 Register Road LLC filed an NOI to build a dock in the waterway of Wings Cove for recreational boating, fishing, and swimming. It was recommended during the public hearing that boats leaving or returning should do so no later than two hours after high tide. Member Jeff Doubrava recommended ConCom issue an Order of Conditions stipulating construction methodology previously outlined in the project narrative as presented on September 10. Other aspects were stricken. ConCom

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voted to issue the Order of Conditions.

Other hearings that were continued to Wednesday, October 28, included the following:

Dale and Laura Briggs requested an amended Order of Conditions for revisions to plans that would reorient their design to reduce Riverfront Area disturbance and reduce the size of a planned house at 23 Dexter Road. Walsh called it a challenging site.

Marion DPW Engineer Meghan Davis seeks an RDA to remove two sections of old fence and install new fences at Old Landing Wharf. ConCom made a site visit on October 10, and Walsh called the fence "pretty rough" with rust, deterioration, and vegetation growing through it. Marion Fence Company, said Walsh, intended to use existing posts, but he would like Davis to request the last post repair avoid letting concrete fall into the ocean.

Saltworks Marine LLC filed an NOI to clear a small, wooded area and build a pair of arched poly boat storage shelters at 288 Wareham Road.

David Croll withdrew his application for an NOI to elevate an existing house onto a new foundation in compliance with FEMA and state building code at 10 Lewis Street.

Under action items, Henry DeJesus was issued a complete Certificate of Compliance after new plantings at the site of his proposed development at 78 Wareham Road. Walsh referenced a site visit that yielded requests from ConCom and positive results. "There are irrigation bags ... it looks good. The rest of the property is naturally revegetating. I think it's good now," he said. The commission voted unanimously in favor.

David Andelman was awarded a complete Certificate of Compliance after plantings at 538 Point Road, where a long driveway up to the leech field needed a trench alongside the driveway. A site visit on October 10 resulted in ConCom's decision to approve.

Requests for partial Certificates of Compliance were approved for Burt Pina at 58 Bullivant Farm Road under the wire of the October 15-scheduled sale of the property and also William LaPointe at 16 West Rover Road.

Under correspondence, Walsh acknowledged that

the Board of Selectmen accepted Doubrava's donation of an osprey pole and platform at Boat Yard Park. Doubrava will remain ConCom's representative to and chairperson of the Marion Community Preservation Committee. Walsh thanked him for serving the town.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 28.

Horse Farm Awarded Special Permit with Stipulations

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

Five O'Clock Farm might wish to consider a new name after 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 o'clock were discussed by applicants Ross, Carol and Katie Speers with the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals during their October 15 public hearing that awarded the Speers the Special Permit to operate a new horse farm on 6 acres of land at 66 Burgess Avenue.

The plan as originally presented would feature a large outdoor ring, a new 140-by-70 foot indoor arena, a 80-by-36, 23-foot high, 10-stall barn, and a new septic system. There is fencing planned and many trees.

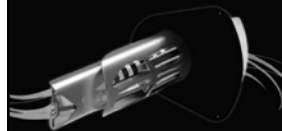
The case was continued from September 24 in order to allow the Speers to meet with multiple abutters to their property so they could communicate their plans in greater detail. Ross Spears reported to the ZBA that meetings transpired during a two-week interim that



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became three weeks when an October 8 continuance was sent off the rails by technical difficulties.

The Special Permit, needed in order to use the facility to give riding lessons – the Speers are allowed “by right” to board horses because the property is zoned for residential and agricultural uses – came with 13 stipulations, some of which were negotiated by the Speers and their abutters and some written into the decision by the ZBA with extensive guidance from Town Counsel Blair Bailey.

After a motion and a second to close the public hearing, applicant Carol Speers was still trying to engage the board in discussion in hopes of expanding Sunday business hours prior to the noontime stipulation included in the decision. ZBA member Thomas Flynn interrupted her effort to point out that a motion was in fact on the floor and had been seconded.

That motion to close the public hearing was then approved by a 5-0 vote, and a unanimous vote to approve the Special Permit with the stipulations as read by ZBA member Richard Cutler immediately followed and then a motion to adjourn. It was obvious that the applicants were dissatisfied with the abrupt conclusion, but due process was apparently followed. The Speers have 20 days from the hearing date to appeal the decision with the registrar of deeds.

A summary of the stipulations: the dwelling on the property must be owner occupied (Katie Speers, who operates with a business partner, lives on the premises); the permit is non-transferrable to any unrelated person or entity; no more than one residence on the property; no more than 20 horses on the property at any time for any use; business hours from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday-Saturday and from noon to 9:00 pm Sunday (Sunday closing time changes to 8:00 pm from Labor Day to Memorial Day; manure be stored in covered container and removed weekly April-October and twice monthly

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During board discussion, Flynn noted that Rochester has many horses and not many lights. "I don't want this to be the Sears Tower in Rochester," he said. Bailey suggested that, while Dark Sky's guidelines are customized according to shadows rather than concrete times on the clock, the board consider appending a maximum height: "In no event shall a light on any pole be taller than 30 feet."

ZBA Chairman David Arancio instructed board members that they need to sign the decision at the town's Annex building no later than October 20. Arancio credited Cutler and the Speers' abutters for working through the stated concerns and told the Speers, "We wish you nothing but success."

The next meeting of the Rochester ZBA was not yet set.

Good Neighbor Gets His Boat-Storage Building Permit

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

Dan Crete told an abutter to his recently purchased property at 288 Wareham Street that he filled a dumpster with discarded air-conditioners and television sets that had populated land where he wants to build two, temporary boat-storage shelters as soon as possible.

The willingness to spend a substantial amount of money and time to remove such debris and prior good-citizen efforts has earned the trust of those abutters, and the Marion Planning Board saw fit on Monday night to award Crete the Special Permit he needs to erect his temporary boat shelters and maintain a clientele that was in jeopardy after the town sold the Atlantis Avenue property where he used to rent.

A 7:05 pm public hearing for site plan review of the land purchased by his company, Saltworks Marine LLC, yielded lengthy discussion and a decision. The case had appeared before the Conservation Commission the week prior with no immediate concerns but was continued per town policy for remote-access meetings. Abutters responded in Monday's Planning Board meeting, and Crete was forthcoming in his effort to save his boat-storage business.

Represented by Dave Davignon of engineering

firm Schneider, Davignon, and Leone LLC, Crete had introduced his case two weeks ago and, at the time, appealed for a streamlined timeline necessary with boats coming out of the water and going into storage in the coming weeks.

Abutters John and Paige Hiller of 282 Wareham Road and Sandy Hiller (294 and 282A Wareham Road) had questions about the clearing of trees and the resultant site lines from their properties.

"People have been dumping stuff out there for a long, long time," said Crete, explaining his intention is merely to cut out the "underbrush" so he "can clean out the land." He told the Hillers he will eliminate only some scrub pine and a little bit of white pine but will not disturb any of the majestic white oak trees. "There are no plans to pull anything down behind where you guys are," he said.

Sandy Hiller said that, as things stand right now, she can see the existing garage (that would be behind where the two storage buildings are mapped). "If it fills out, that's wonderful. If it doesn't, can something be done there, can we plan some arborvitaes?" she asked.

Planning Board member Chris Collings echoed her sentiment, but members Andrew Daniel and Norm Hills argued that in light of the temporary situation being established by Special Permit it would be better to let the land fill in naturally and reevaluate it when Crete returns to the Planning Board inside of two years with a permanent proposal per the agreement.

"I hope you'll be thoughtful about the type of (permanent) structure, I think you've done a great job with your structures across the street," said Planning Board Chairperson Will Saltonstall of Crete's boat-repair shop across Route 6 from the development site.

It is stipulated in the Special Permit that the two boat-storage shelters measuring 35 by 80 feet, placed 10 feet apart, and founded upon concrete "Jersey" barriers only be used for storage and light maintenance and that any engine work, grinding of boat bottoms or scraping of paint be done at Crete's shop across Route 6. They are to stand no more than two years, at which time they will have to be taken down or be amended to fit into a permanent plan that would need Planning Board approval.

The Special Permit is good for 180 days, and subsequent applications to extend it must be made. According to Saltonstall, Marion Building Commissioner Scott Shippey will grant extensions beyond 180 days up to whatever the Planning Board sets but not indefinitely – Crete is asking for a two-year window.

"Before two years gets here, we're going to be back before the board to say this is what we doing ...," stated Crete.

The shelters will rest entirely within a flood zone at an elevation of at least 10 feet. Stormwater retention components added include trenches along the sides of the shelters topped with a gravel surface to absorb the runoff.

Member Joe Rocha asked about the life expectancy of the shelters and if they are safe in a windstorm. Crete said the shelters are made by a company called Farmtek, carry a 15-year warranty and a wind-load and snow-load rated. "I had one for eight years, it's in wonderful condition," said Crete, noting that the doors and zippers take a beating but are annually replaced by a company in Rochester.

Member Eileen Marum asked about traffic on Route 6; Crete said the Atlantic Drive location required the same pathway at a greater distance between the storage and workshop locations.

Saltonstall confirmed that there will be no site lighting.

Attorney Robert Perry appeared before the board on behalf of Denise Allard and John Botelho, respective owners of a lot of land covering the addresses 61 and 63 Oakdale Avenue, seeking approval to split their land into separate properties.

The ANR filing (Approval under the subdivision control law is Not Required) was originally two parcels that were built in 1943, Perry's research yielded.

"The idea of splitting them at this point is, after five generations, Botelho (family) wishes to sell and the Allard family wishes to keep their property," he explained.

Hills asked if two non-conforming (in size) lots need a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

Perry said that under Massachusetts General Law 84 they do not. "I've been practicing law for 45 years now, but I've probably done 10 of these," Perry said.

Town Planner Gil Hilario suggested, in light of Perry's confidence in his legal interpretation, the Planning Board might consider running the matter by Marion's town counsel, Jon Witten. Having worked with Witten, Perry was amenable.

"I want to do it right and want to make sure there are no issues with the title on the property when we go to sell it," he said.

Hilario suggested the request might need a special permit from ZBA.

The case was continued and will appear on the agenda for the Planning Board's next meeting on November 2.

Saltonstall reported to the Planning Board that Marion's bylaw codification is making progress with assistance from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). The town is looking to establish a creative open-space bylaw that would facilitate growth including moderate-income housing with density-bonus incentives for developers.

The Planning Board received an application for a house addition from Katrina Trull at 12 Emil's Way but, lacking key information regarding square footage, the proposed structure's location relative to the house or the lot, if it is tied into town sewer, parking, the application



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OBITUARIES



Beverly Morey Farwell, 95, of Buzzards Bay, formerly of Mattapoisett, passed away on October 14, 2020, at Tobey Hospital, following a period of declining health. She was the wife of the late Donald P. Farwell with whom she shared 71 years of marriage. Born in Mattapoisett, daughter of the late Francis K. Morey and Ethel (Dexter) Morey, she lived in Mattapoisett and Sharon most of her life.

She was a graduate of Fairhaven High School, Bridgewater State College, and Boston University where she received a Masters Degree in Library Science. She taught in Athol, MA, New Brunswick, NJ, and Sharon, MA, until her 1986 retirement after 40 years of teaching.

Beverly was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, an active supporter of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and a dedicated volunteer at the Zeiterion Theater and Mattapoisett Library.

She and Donald enjoyed travel, with frequent vacations to Bermuda and winters on Marco Island. In addition to spending time with family and friends, Beverly enjoyed opera and was an avid reader, belonging to several book clubs. She knit hats and sweaters for newborns at St. Luke's Hospital, chaired the Old Women's Colony Fellowship knitters group, which sent hats, blankets and sweaters to Massachusetts General Hospital, and was a faithful blood donor.

She is survived by her brother, Francis C. Morey of Dartmouth; her nephew, David F. Morey and his wife Cheryl of Mattapoisett; three nieces, Susan J. Dias and her husband John of Dartmouth, Sandra Bartlett and her husband Rollin of Barrington, RI, and Joanne Farwell Hess and Warren Sordt of Clearwater, FL; seven great nephews, Daniel M. Johnson, Gregory P. Margis, Charles D. Margis, Christopher D. Morey, Charles M. Beeghly III, George W. Bartlett, and Nathan S. Bartlett; and eight great-great nieces.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Florence M. Morey and Catherine L. Macomber; her nephew, James C. Macomber; and her great niece, Elizabeth A. Morey

Visitation was held on Saturday, October 17 at Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. A private service and burial followed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, PO Box 284, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or to the Zeiterion Theater, 684 Purchase St, New Bedford, MA 02740. For online obituary and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Elizabeth R. Field of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on October 15, 2020 surrounded by her family after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, William D. Field.

Born on February 16, 1942, she was raised in Fairhaven, the daughter of Helen (Hiller) Radcliffe and Elmer M. Radcliffe. She was a graduate of Fairhaven High School and Colby Sawyer College in New Hampshire. Liz began her married life in Lexington, where she started her family and established many life-long friendships. In 1972, Liz and Bill quite literally bought the family farm and moved to Mattapoisett.

Liz was the secretary of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church for 20 years, and prior to that, spent ten enjoyable years employed at Brownell Boat Yard. She was an active member of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, the Wilbur Point Association, and her beloved Mattapoisett Congregational Church, where she especially loved singing in the choir.

Her most cherished role was that of mother, grandmother, and wife. Liz was the embodiment of the phrase "love above all else". She exemplified care as a wife, mother, grandmother, and woman. She was the soul of the Family and made all those she knew feel a part of that. Her love, kindness and devotion to her family, friends and others cannot be expressed in words.

In addition to her husband, survivors include son Robert and his wife Kimberly, daughter Susan and her husband William Wilbur, and daughter Polly. Four Grandchildren- Jonathan Wilbur and his fiancée Kathleen Holmes, Katherine Wilbur and Abigail and Megan Field, as well as two great-grandchildren- Charlotte and William Wilbur, all of Mattapoisett. Her brother, John Radcliffe of Maryland and her two sisters Penny Hiller and her husband Charlie, and Polly Duff Phipps and her husband Donald. She leaves behind many special nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, P.O. Box 284, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or the Mattapoisett Fire Department, P.O. Box 362, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Due to current public health concerns, services have yet to be determined.

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was considered incomplete. There was no site plan so there was no recommendation from the board.

Collings discussed the new Wareham-Marion bridge work scheduled to begin in the fall of 2021 and to expect reduced traffic flow. Hilario expects a more pedestrian-friendly design. The bridge height is undecided.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for November 2.

Rockwell, MOSAC Prepare for Town Meeting

Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee held a special, remote access meeting on October 15 to prepare its presentation to the November 5 Special Town Meeting and its representation to the Community Preservation Committee.

During the meeting, MOSAC Chairman John Rockwell bounced off the membership his Powerpoint presentation under construction for Town Meeting aimed at correcting what he says are misconceptions about the ramifications of MOSAC's activities.

While the town is concerned that open space purchases subtract parcels of land from the taxable base, MOSAC contends that only one purchase has been made since 2010 and with very limited impact.

That purchase, when first listed the asking price was \$589,900. It was subsequently appraised at \$310,000, and MOSAC negotiated a price of \$300,000. According to Rockwell, this one purchase met nine of the top 11 criteria established through citizen surveys to evaluate such acquisitions.

Furthermore, Rockwell contends that the loss of that \$300,000 from total town private property valuation would result in a \$1 annual tax increase for a \$500,000 house.

Articles 5-8 of the Special Town Meeting warrant will be presented by MOSAC.

Article 5 is to see if the town will vote to authorize MOSAC to spend no more than \$250,000 to purchase a Conservation Restriction on 33.7 acres for conservation



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Thursday October 22, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Recovery Fitness
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Health Source
11:32 AM Lucy's World of Painting
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Books and the World
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Racism in America
4:00 PM Registers Report
4:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:43 PM Schvitz'n with Norm
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM This is America & The World
7:00 PM Sound Off
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM Science 360
10:00 PM Money Matters TV
10:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday October 23, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Health Source
8:02 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Seniors on the Move
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Recovery Fitness
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Art of Being Human
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM Arts Alive
3:00 PM In the Toy Box
3:30 PM Money Matters TV
4:00 PM Armchair QB
4:30 PM Stop My Crisis
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:43 PM Schvitz'n with Norm
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reel Smah!t
7:00 PM Sound Off
8:00 PM Mr. Scammer
8:30 PM The Chundria Show
9:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday October 24, 2020

8:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
10:00 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Perils for Pedestrians
11:30 AM The Art of Being Human
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Let's Talk Business
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM A Conversation With...
4:00 PM Reel Smah!t
4:30 PM The Chundria Show
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:43 PM Schvitz'n with Norm
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Off the Shelf
7:00 PM Arts Alive
7:30 PM Mind Your Business
8:00 PM The World Fusion Show
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM Money Matters TV
10:00 PM Registers Report
10:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday October 25, 2020

6:00 AM Veterans Voice
7:46 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM The Art of Being Human
11:30 AM The Chundria Show
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Lucy's World of Painting
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM Cape Conversation
3:00 PM Sound Off
4:00 PM The World Fusion Show
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:13 PM Animal Education at Pine Meadow
Alpacas - Rabbits
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM In the Toy Box
7:00 PM Books and the World
7:30 PM Off the Shelf
8:00 PM Mr. Scammer
8:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday October 26, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Racism in America
4:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:43 PM Animal Education at Pine Meadow
Alpacas - Rabbits
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
7:00 PM Arts Alive
7:30 PM Sound Off
8:30 PM Stop My Crisis
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday October 27, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Recovery Fitness
9:30 AM Health Talk
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:03 AM Cape Conversation
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM A Conversation With...
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM Reel Smah!t
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
4:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
4:30 PM Money Matters TV
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:46 PM Schvitz'n with Norm
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Books and the World
7:30 PM Science 360
8:00 PM Racism in America
9:30 PM Stop My Crisis
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday October 28, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Generation Conversation

10:00 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
11:30 AM The Art of Being Human
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM This is America & The World
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:32 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM The World Fusion Show
4:00 PM Mr. Scammer
4:30 PM Arts Alive
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:46 PM Schvitz'n with Norm
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Chundria Show
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Sound Off
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 95
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission - October 14, 2020
9:30 AM Marion Board of Selectman - October 6, 2020
10:36 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - September 24, 2020
10:42 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - October 15, 2020
11:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee - September 24, 2020
1:32 PM Marion Finance Committee - October 7, 2020
3:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - October 14, 2020
6:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - October 6, 2020
7:06 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - September 24, 2020
7:12 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - October 15, 2020
8:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee - September 24, 2020
10:00 PM Marion Finance Committee - October 7, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40**

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Planning Board - October 13, 2020
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - October 6, 2020

9:30 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - October 5, 2020
10:09 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - October 15, 2020
11:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee - September 24, 2020
1:02 PM Rochester School Committee - October 1, 2020
2:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - September 24, 2020
3:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - October 13, 2020
4:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - October 6, 2020
6:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - October 5, 2020
6:39 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - October 15, 2020
7:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee - September 24, 2020
9:32 PM Rochester School Committee - October 1, 2020
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - September 24, 2020

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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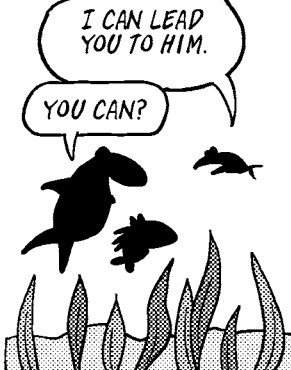
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Tri-County Pop-up Concert - August 27, 2020
8:13 AM Sippican Historical Society - Working Women
9:30 AM Brad Hathaway's Walk Around the World - October 3, 2020
10:00 AM Sippican Historical Society - Judith Rosbe
11:00 AM Artist Interview - Mary Cosme
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Mattapoisett Museum Presents - The Graveyard Girls
2:30 PM Tri-Town Beyond Community Reads
3:40 PM League of Women Voters Interview
4:00 PM Tri-County Pop-up Concert - August 27, 2020
4:44 PM Sippican Historical Society - Working Women
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Judith Rosbe
7:30 PM Brad Hathaway's Walk Around the World - October 3, 2020
8:00 PM Artist Interview - Mary Cosme
9:00 PM Tri-Town Beyond Community Reads
10:10 PM League of Women Voters Interview
10:30 PM Mattapoisett Museum Presents - The Graveyard Girls

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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and passive recreation purposes.

According to mass.gov, "Conservation Restrictions are legal agreements that prohibit certain acts and uses, while allowing others, on private or municipally owned property in order to permanently protect conservation values present on the land."

Article 6 is to see if the town will vote to authorize MOSAC to accept as a gift for conservation and passive recreation purposes a Conservation Restriction consisting of 1.3 acres. Articles 7 and 8 are like unto Article 5, albeit for respective parcels of 0.2 acres and 7.8 acres.

"There's been an attack on open space really, as though it's worthless," said Rockwell, suggesting MOSAC's presentation of Town Meeting articles of interest include words from Sippican Lands Trust representative Dot Brown.

"We haven't bought anything since 2011 and we're picky. This is a truly remarkable piece of property," said Brown of the targeted Hoff property acquisition.

Sippican Lands Trust's campaign wraps up on October 29, and MOSAC will meet on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 pm. to establish a dollar amount to bring forward to the November 5 Special Town Meeting. Marion's Special Town Meeting will be held on November 5 at 6:45 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium.

New Fencing, Community Messages Make Sippican a Happy Place

Marion School Committee

By Mick Colageo

Sippican Elementary School Principal Marla Sirois saw such a positive reaction to the community-authored "Welcome back" messages on themed bulletin boards that she doesn't want it to be a one-time thing.

"They were so well received, we're probably going to make it an annual event, with groups and families coming in," said Sirois in her Principal's Report to the Marion School Committee during the latter's October 14 hybrid meeting that partially took place in the media room at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School and on Zoom.

Getting children back into school, even on a limited basis, has been an emotional boost to all concerned, and Sirois said the return to Sippican was made better in part by a better fence surrounding school property.

Sirois publicly thanked the Town of Marion and Old Rochester Regional Central Administration for replacing and expanding the fence that surrounds Sippican. "The cleanup by the DPW has just been phenomenal," said Sirois.

Students on hybrid-out days have seen fire-protection videos and received activity bags. Their full-remote days will include virtual field trips and enrichment opportunities.

The principal also summarized revisions to the Student Handbook.

"You're simply looking at additions because I didn't take anything out," said Sirois, who wanted to achieve consistency with Rochester's policies as a member of the tri-towns in the same school district.

Additions included asynchronous and synchronous learning on Pages 9-10, social distancing and the lunch program (not using the cafeteria at Sippican) on Pages 13-14, and the wearing of facemasks (this was written before ORR had established a policy) on Page 16. Also included are marking period dates, health, and safety (COVID-19 guidance for symptoms such as fever, cough, loss of taste and smell, etc.), busing with social distance for 2020-21, and parent drop-off/pickup for 2020-21.

"We absolutely will meet every family where they are," said Sirois.

Excessive traffic at the intersection of Main Street and Park Street was discussed, as administration continues to analyze the twice-a-day jam in an effort to improve flow.

Howie Barber, ORR's assistant superintendent of Finance and Operations, gave an overview of the financial picture to the school committee during the meeting.

Effective with the September 30 closing of the FY21 budget, Barber reported that ORR currently has just under \$1,500,000 in "unencumbered" funds in the overall \$6,200,000 budget. That does not account for some



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



From left, Bill Kingsland of Fairhaven on the trumpet, Phil Sanborn of Marion on the trombone, Liz MacKenzie of Wareham on trombone, and Toby Monte of Somerset on trumpet made up the Academy Brass Quartet that provided an entertaining musical backdrop for Saturday's celebration of the Elizabeth Taber statue in Bicentennial Park. Photo by Mick Colageo



The bronze statue of Elizabeth Taber is adorned with detailed likenesses of Marion's historic buildings made possible by "Marion's Fairy Godmother." Photo by Mick Colageo



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transportation and insurance obligations that have not been fully encumbered, a process that Barber said usually takes until the middle of October. Then they are paid off throughout the fiscal year.

Barber is still waiting on the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for completion of the official approval process for some grants, which would allow ORR to restore appropriated funds to its general fund and get its balance back in the black.

At Sippican so far, food pickups on Mondays are not reaching the mid-teens, and Barber said the funds generated from those are meant to offset the costs. A food-service debt of \$170,000 incurred over the final three months of the 2019-20 academic year was submitted for CARES Act reimbursement.



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MOVIE REVIEW

In Contempt

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Trial of the Chicago 7*. Starring Eddie Redmayne and Sacha Baron Cohen. Directed by Aaron Sorkin. Running time: 130 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Streaming on Netflix and showing in select theaters.**

If the titular trial of the Chicago 7 hadn't happened, writer-director Aaron Sorkin would've had to invent it. It has everything that brings a spring to Sorkin's step: the hostile contrapuntal duets of the courtroom, the urgently witty walk-and-talks, the blind spot for women. (Women exist here generally to tell their men to be careful or to entrap men while undercover for the police. Because it's Sorkin, they *do* get to be as snarky as everyone else.) I'd be dishonest if I said *The Trial of the Chicago 7* wasn't engaging, though it feels a little ... light. The stakes don't seem as high as they might. We spend most of our time with eight men (if we count, as we should, Bobby Seale) and their defenders, and that's essentially why we don't want them to go to jail. The larger point, that the system was trying to make dissent unlawful, is somewhat glossed over in favor of the combustible (or square) personalities in play.

The movie is framed and edited so that it goes like a shot and doesn't, for the most part, feel like a filmed play, which it unavoidably is. It's constructed as candy for actors, and for all the showboating on display, the strongest presence is John Carroll Lynch as David Dellinger, the sort of activist you put on the stand because he looks like the bland folks you've got to convince. Lynch plays Dellinger as the glue, the lifelong agitator (he was a conscientious objector during WWII) who knows exactly how far to push before the authorities will push back. He doesn't get any grandstanding speeches. He doesn't need them. The movie says that if your anti-war movement needs media clown princes like Abbie Hoffman, it also needs reliable potatoes like Dellinger.

Hoffman the sardonic Yippie gets the red-carpet treatment from Sorkin and from Sacha Baron Cohen, who plays him as an attention junkie who's smarter than he lets on — and that's part of his media image, too, the stoned goofball who can whip out quotes from Lincoln and scripture. If the movie has a lead, though, it's Eddie Redmayne's Tom Hayden, the presentable young man who only misspoke, telling the crowd at a heated point, "Let us make sure that if blood flows, it flows all over the city," when he meant to say "if *our* blood flows," meaning not the cops' blood. Abbie Hoffman's diagnosis



of this statement as a grammatical whiff on Hayden's part — dammit, man, you always forget your possessive pronouns! — is perhaps the movie's weirdest moment of triumph.

It's clear from the flashbacks to the event that the police herded the protestors into a fight-or-flight position, except that flight wasn't possible. Sounds quite a bit like the tactics used by the Portland police last summer, though of course the film was written (Sorkin started work on the script in 2007) and shot (last fall) long before the widespread protests that made the movie and its story feel freshly relevant. Unlike, say, Spike Lee or Oliver Stone, Sorkin has resisted the temptation to use contemporary news footage to comment on the past (which, as Stone reminded us at the end of *JFK*, is prologue). Sorkin isn't a hot-blooded activist like those two men; it's combative dialogue and not injustice that gets his creative juices going.

Generally, Sorkin's debates come down to two people, like Tom Cruise versus Jack Nicholson. Here, the two voices raised in anger are essentially on the same side, disagreeing on the style of revolt. You have Tom Hayden, the principled young man you'd bring home to meet your mother. And you have Abbie Hoffman, no less principled but scruffy and redolent of weed and media stunts. These opposed egos almost render Judge Julius Hoffman (in a contemptuous, near-Nixonian turn by Frank Langella) irrelevant to the fracas. Judge Hoffman can only confine the left's bodies; Abbie Hoffman and Tom Hayden are fighting for their hearts and minds. In the end it's Abbie the hound and dooper and mischief-maker who takes the stand and quietly speaks for reason, while Hayden does his own brand of grandstanding by reading aloud in court the names of the American dead in Vietnam (did he really? yes and no, mostly no). Sorkin doesn't do anything so gauche as to depict a grudging but firm climactic handshake between Tom and Abbie before the end credits, but that doesn't mean we don't see it.

Committee Chairperson Michelle Smith told the meeting that she has been asked by some parents about an expansion of meal pickup hours beyond noon to 1:00 pm. Barber said that a second pickup time would result in a greater operating deficit. Sirois said families looking to pick up for one another are encouraged to do so.

Two pending staff positions remain open that Sippican School is looking to fill.

Janell Pearson-Campbell, ORR's assistant superintendent of Teaching and Learning, summarized the latest in the weekly progression of faculty support with professional development including remote, social-emotional learning, and a session on equity featuring a guest speaker.

Pearson-Campbell is also working on a Google site for parents where they can become comfortable learning how to access the platforms of the future especially as it will apply to their children's public education.

Craig Davidson, director of Student Services, reported that ORR's paraprofessionals district-wide took part in a master-level training E-learning platform and said it is something ORR will continue on professional development days, the next of which is scheduled for November 3.

Davidson and Pearson-Campbell joined the Assistant Superintendent Leadership Seminars with approximately 20 district leaders in Massachusetts.

A school committee stipend was discussed.

The year 2020 has been a year like no other for school committees, and the volunteerism it takes to run a school system, to act as a collective organizer, contract negotiator, crisis manager, event planner, policymaker, problem solver has made for a life-consuming challenge amidst the coronavirus pandemic. Some members spend up to 20 hours per week just attending various subcommittee meetings, and 2020 began with the superintendent search.

The meeting began with Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining.

The Sippican School Council met with parents on October 19, its first such meeting of the academic calendar.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee was not set at the meeting.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

Why I resigned from Tri-town Against Racism (TTAR)

For the last forty-two years of my life my primary goal has been to lead a life that would lead God to say to me, when I stand before Him, "Well done my good and faithful servant". I am, and have always been, a "community person". That is how I am known not only in my church family, among my friends and also by my family. I like to be outside the walls of the church – meeting individual and community needs wherever I can. I looked forward to involvement in TTAR and viewed it as an extension of things I have always done.

TTAR was a very next logical step for me after attempts at dealing with the school district more than a year ago proved to need more than the work of a small committee I had formed. I was sure that I could be fully involved with TTAR without violating my personal beliefs, which have first and foremost consideration for me. Early on I made it clear to TTAR leadership that I have a biblical world view which is the word of God, which is the final word.

TTAR is an organization which is not only trying to make a difference in the community, it is making a difference. However, it is of course, not operating in isolation with all totally like-minded people. It is made up of a diverse group of people all of whom are influenced to one degree or another by what is happening



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Oct 11-Oct 17

- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Holly Pond Rd – EMS/medical
- Quelle Ln - Trespassing
- Pleasant St – Animal complaint
- Converse Rd - Disturbance
- Front St - Trespassing
- Olde Knoll Rd – Vandalism/past
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Identity theft
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Tucker Ln – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Paper service
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Building check/arrest
- Field Stone Ln – MV collision
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Pleasant St – Officer wanted
- Point Rd - Transport
- Converse Rd – Suspicious person
- Quelle Ln – Health/welfare
- Joanne Dr – Road hazard
- Parkway Ln – Paper service
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Noise complaint
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Mill St – MV collision
- Rebecca Dr – Road hazard
- Allen's Point Rd – Waterways
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Barros Dr – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Oct 11-Oct 17

- Harvey Orchard Ln – Animal complaint
- Harbor Acres Ln – Property lost
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- Uncas Way – Assist other agency
- I195 West – Assist other agency
- Cannon St – Parking violation
- Water St – Parking violation
- County Rd – Summons service
- Hammond St – Restraining order
- County Rd – Restraining order
- North St – Assist citizen
- River Rd - Disturbance
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Pearl St – 911 abandoned
- Martin Ave – General service
- Hammond St – Peace officer
- Nantucket Dr – 911 call
- Hillers Cove – Harbormaster
- Upland Way – Health/welfare
- Water St – MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- North St – MV crash
- Randall Rd - Complaint
- Mechanic St – MV crash
- River Rd - Complaint
- Briertpatch Ln – Animal control
- Reservation Rd – 911 abandoned

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Oct 11-Oct 17

- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Larceny/past
- Bindas Way – Recovered property
- Pine St – MV collision
- High St – MV stop/arrest
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Quaker Ln - Medical
- Cushman Rd - Medical
- High St - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Clapp Rd - Fraud
- Jasons Ln - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Stuart Rd – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd - Investigation
- Stevens Rd – 911 call
- Taber Ln – MV complaint
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- North Ave - Disturbance
- North Ave - Medical
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious activity
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Animal control
- Alley Rd – Noise complaint
- Cranberry Hwy - Investigation

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Oct 26: Fiesta omelet, hash browns, tomato & zucchini, fruit loaf, fresh orange
Tuesday, Oct 27: Broccoli & cheese, stuffed chicken, confetti rice, oriental vegetables, oatmeal bread, cinnamon applesauce
Wednesday, Oct 28: Pot roast w/gravy, cheesy mashed potatoes, Italian blend vegetable, multigrain bread, mini velvet cake, diet: low sugar cake
Thursday, Oct 29: Chicken bruschetta, au gratin potato, peas & carrots, whole wheat bread, strawberry cup
Friday, Oct 30: Shepherd's pie, carrot coins, whole wheat roll, pears

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 26: Remote Meals: beef/cheese nachos, turkey & cheese sub, pizza, crunchers, assorted fruit, assorted vegetables, 1% milk
Tuesday, Oct 27: Hot Choice: bagel breakfast sandwich, potato spudsters, Heinz ketchup packet. Cold Choice: turkey & cheese sub, snack pack pretzel, orange, cucumber slices, 1% milk
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Friday, Oct 30: Hot Choice: American chop suey, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans. Cold Choice: turkey & cheese

sub, snack pack pretzel, chilled peaches, celery sticks, 1% milk

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OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

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ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

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SIPPICAN SCHOOL

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OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Oct 26: Turkey & gravy over mashed potatoes with stuffing and steamed carrots
Tuesday, Oct 27: Macaroni & cheese, green beans & bread stick
Wednesday, Oct 28: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies
Thursday, Oct 29: Italian sub & fries
Friday, Oct 30: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

in society at large regarding racial issues. There is so much more that space does not permit me to go into some of which I mentioned in my Letter to the Editor on September 24, 2020.

I have learned the importance of measuring everything I do against the word of God. If I am part of an organization that supports areas and beliefs that are directly contradictory to my beliefs, I must speak up or remove myself. I have met with Tangi Thomas, Jennifer Hunter and Alison Noyce, the TTAR leadership. These are three awesome women, for whom I have the utmost respect. They know that though I chose to resign, I am available to assist in any way possible as my care for the Tri-town and for them runs deep.

Sincerely,
Barbara Sullivan

To the Editor;

Elizabeth Taber continues to put "some snap" back in Marion!!!

In the time of COVID, the legacy of Elizabeth Taber endures and thrives. Not only will there be a statue in her memory in October but there was also a pop up concert series at the Music Hall five Thursdays this summer. Elizabeth Taber built the Music Hall to provide musical performances for the people of her hometown and this year, the lawn of the Music hall resonated with jazz, rock 'n roll, the American Songbook, the Beatles, and the classics.

This was the brainchild of Phil Sanborn, member of the Music Hall Advisory Committee, who gathered local musicians who entertained us with this varied program:

Thursday, July 23 - Charlene Monte, cello and former student Sarah Nichols, cello

Thursday, August 6 - Gilda's Trombone Quartet: Mike Rocha - tenor trombone, Phil Sanborn - tenor trombone, Mike Gallant - tenor trombone, Travis Blischke - bass trombone

Thursday, August 20 - The Monteirobots; Marcus Monteiro - saxophones, Nick Sanfilippo - keyboards, Chris Bryant - guitar, Eric Falter - bass, Pete Antunes - drums

Thursday, August 27 - The Tri-County Brass Quintet; Toby Monte - trumpet, Bill Kingsland - trumpet, Phil Sanborn - trombone, Liz MacKenzie - trombone

Friday, September 4 - The Furtado String Quartet; Marilyn Melanson - violin, Teresa Ouellette - violin, Susan Bouley - viola, Judith Stotenberg - cello

Our profound thanks to them all. There was very little publicity but the crowd grew by word of mouth. The last concert was a lovely string quartet of four sisters who ended the series with a fitting song - Over the Rainbow.

We think that Elizabeth Taber would be over the moon to see that her legacy is still providing music for her beloved community.

Chrissie Bascom and Margot Stone

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Co-chairs of the Music Hall Advisory Committee

To the Editor;

Marion Open Spaces Acquisition Committee's Land Deal Substantive Problem

A partnership or joint venture appears to have developed among conservation groups and individuals including The Marion Open Spaces Acquisition Committee (MOSAC) and the Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) along with individuals aligned together to bring 43 acres of open land under conservation protection and controlled by the SLT.

The linchpin is control of 33.7 acres of property the owner has been trying to sell with a taxed assessed value of \$406,000 and annual taxes of approximately \$4,000. This property is ideally situated with nearby SLT land adjacent to Rout 6 near the wastewater treatment plant.

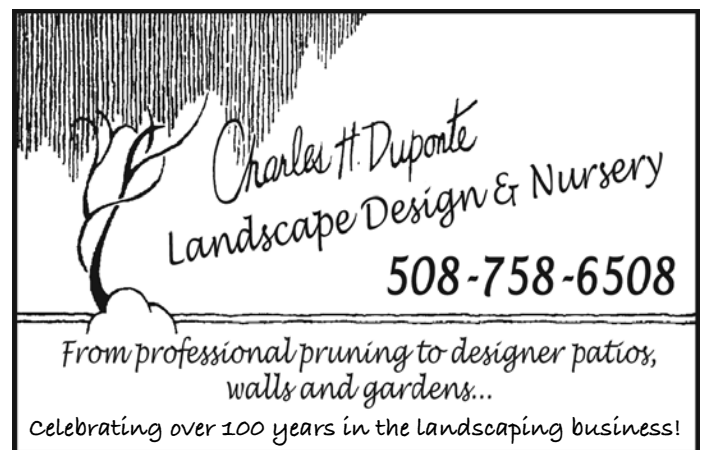
Although the selling price has not been disclosed a target selling price of \$500,000 is a reasonable assumption based on the assessed tax valuation.

MOSAC warrant Article 5 requests Fall Town Meeting (TM) to approve the town's purchase of a conservation recreation easement for \$250,000 on this property to be controlled by the SLT.

MOSAC has made no disclosure how the town's purchase of such an easement fits into the conservation project structure, its economic substance or public need for this deal. There is no independent appraisal as to the easement's valuation.

The SLT is a special interest private land trust with a public purpose charter to protect land for conservation. There is no reason for the town would buy a conservation easement on land to be controlled by a conservation land trust. The town purchase of the easement leaves a wide-open back door for SLT purchase title to control the land for \$250,000 using affiliates, deal structures and interrelated party transactions to complete its purchase now or in the future.

The \$250,000 the town pays for the conservation easement added to the \$250,000 SLT pays for property title control nets the seller's \$500,000 target sales price. Otherwise neither party would have paid the seller's



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11 Artificial waterway
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19 LAX screeners
20 Mining stuff
21 "Ad — per aspera"
22 Formal duds for a dude
23 Some Sufi ascetics
26 Server's goal
27 Actress Garr
28 Was ahead
29 Julio's gold
30 "Much obliged"
32 Air-cooling vanes
36 Means of telling time
38 — good clip
39 Writer Capote, to pals
41 Steed feed
42 Firestone products
50 Lots and lots
54 Gotten up
55 Technique: Abbr.
56 Feel ill
57 Gloomy
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60 Wolf down

- 62 They succeeded audiotapes
65 "Yipes!"
67 Big lug
68 Ward (off)
69 Alley hisser
70 Ax-wielding lumberjack
72 Dust devils' cousins
75 Old overlords
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78 "Arrow" network
80 Quarterback Dawson
81 Big printer brand
83 Carnival classics
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87 Faint trace
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92 Choose
94 Paradiisical
96 Talk back to
97 Planets, e.g.
100 Fill-in worker
103 Tyke
104 Pampering, for short
105 Record player parts
110 Kids hold their horses on them
116 Tile design

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118 It fills la Seine
119 Et — (and others)
120 "Devious Maids" actress Ortiz
121 What 10 of this puzzle's answers do
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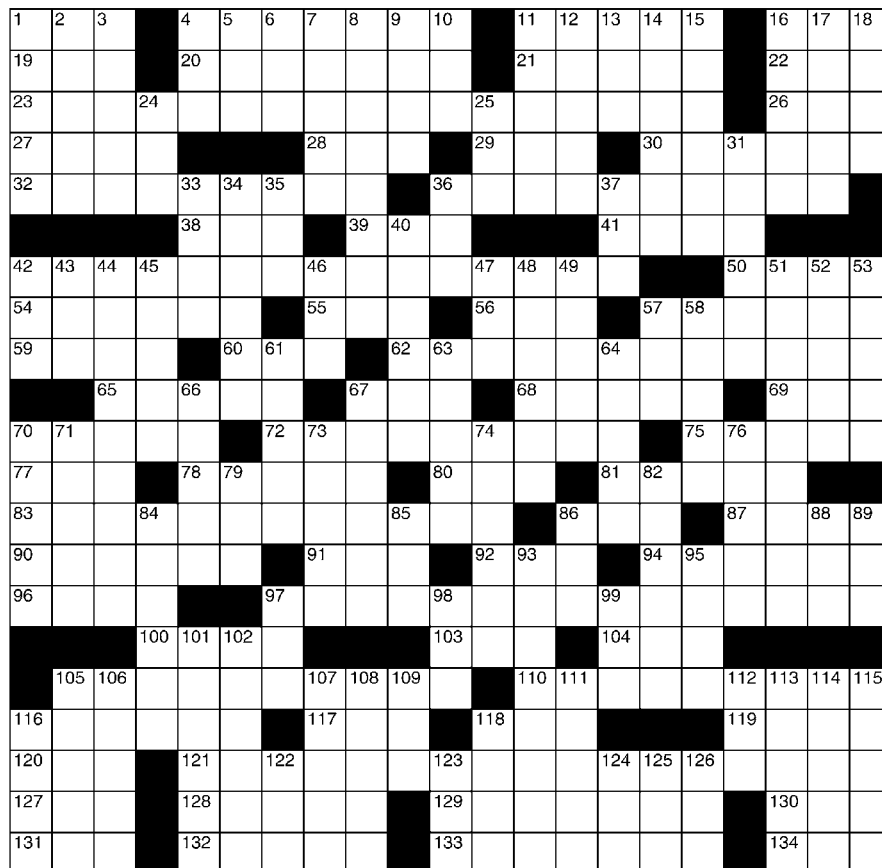
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10 Ireland's —
Lingus

- 11 Nile capital
12 Professional org.
13 — degree
14 Soul queen Franklin
15 Beat against, as waves
16 Get up
17 NHL game souvenirs
18 Lines of symmetry
24 Celery piece
25 Loudness knob abbr.
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33 Like flimsy excuses
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35 Little dollop
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40 Create a new digital image of
42 Small battery type
43 E-address
44 Sci-fi travel facilitators
45 Inedible kind of orange
46 Suffix with 116-Across
47 Answer to "Are you?"
48 Teases mercilessly
49 Give a thrill

- 51 Conductor Arturo
52 Film award
53 Jays' places
57 "Girl Code" channel
58 Dramatist Clifford
61 In — (agitated)
63 Bar none
64 Examined before robbing
66 "— a jealous mistress"
67 "1984" novelist George
70 LP players of old
71 Plant swelling
73 Earthy hue, to Brits
74 Explorer Hernando
76 Seeded
79 1940s pres.
82 Hopi abode
84 Speakers' platforms
85 Ending for Siam
86 Zeta follower
88 You, in German
89 Many laptops
93 British island in Polynesia

- 95 Film providing a factual report, for short
97 Tax-filing pro
98 Rd. relatives
99 Piece of mail: Abbr.
101 Riddle
102 Highest peak in N.Z.
105 Copier stuff
106 Application
107 Martin Van —
108 Bridges of film
109 Rhea relative
111 Moms' sisters, say
112 Cyst, e.g.
113 — Island (old immigration point)
114 Give a false story
115 Space of "The River"
116 With 128-Across, earn wages
118 Falco of TV
122 DiFranco of song
123 The Rams' gridiron gp.
124 — -Magnon
125 Ending for cash
126 Abode: Abbr.



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some flashes of Aries ire might erupt as you confront an unusually bewildering situation. But you should be able to keep your temper under control as you work through it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That marriage 'twixt the arts and practicality that Taureans excel at once again highlights your enjoyment of much of the week. However, you need to watch any sudden urge to splurge.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Even with all the plusses apparently outweighing the minuses, you still might want to defer an important decision to make sure you have all the facts you need.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) One or two problems might threaten to derail otherwise smoothly running situations at work or at home. But a few well-placed words should help get things back on track quickly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you Leos and Leonas in the spotlight to open your generous Lion's hearts and share the glory with those who helped you accomplish so much along the way.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might want to get advice from someone who's been there and knows these situations better than you do, before investing time or money (or both) in a questionable matter.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful how you handle a workplace matter that seems out of place in the schedule you've prepared. Before you act, one way or another, find out who set it up and why.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your entertainment aspect is strong this week. Besides providing a wonderful break from everyday obligations, sharing fun times brings you closer to those you care for.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Having a weekend fun fest? Your friend or relative who's down in the emotional dumps could perk up if you find a way to include him or her in your plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) If you're in one of those "the Goat knows best" periods, you might want to ease up and try listening to what others have to say. You could learn something.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new challenge is getting closer, and you should be out there now showing facts and figures to potential allies to help persuade them to rally to your support. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a head start on holiday plans could help free up some time later to spend on other projects. Meanwhile, a colleague has some ideas that you might find worth discussing.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are always there for others, and sometimes you need to be reminded that you need to be there for yourself as well.

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target price with an independent stand-alone deal. Substantively the town's purchase of the easement is simply using taxpayer money for to help finance SLT's land deal.

This deal is no different from the town contributing to the Untied Way to fund charitable projects such as the girl scouts.

With tax audits, the IRS looks for taxpayer's using deal structures that look legitimate but lack economic substance. It's the economic substance of the transaction that's important not its structure. Follow the money.

The economic substantive problem for this deal is the Commonwealth's Constitutional Anti Aid Amendments. Municipalities are prohibited from making charitable contributions to fund special interest private projects.

Ted North, Marion

Outdoor Book Sale at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Come to the Elizabeth Taber Library outdoor book sale, Friday and Saturday, **October 23-24** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Novels, best sellers, non-fiction, children's books, and more! Find used books in great condition, fill a small bag for \$5 or a large bag for \$10!

One party per table at a time. Masks required. Pay by check or by cash, correct change is appreciated to help reduce contact.

Check our website at www.elizabethtablerlibrary.org or email ETLibrary@sailsinc.org for more info. As a reminder, our book return is now open 24 hours.

Nasketucket Bird Club Online Meeting

Nasketucket Bird Club will host Birding for Beginners on Thursday, **October 22** at 7:00 pm.

From backyard feeding to adventures around the world! Evan Dalton, Lead Instructor of Landbird Conservation at Manomet will help us delve into how to get into birding, and the basic tips and tricks for exploring on your own. For the Zoom link contact Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com

Virtual Challenge! Trivia: an Event for the Whole Family

On Thursday, **October 29** at 7:00 pm, join the Trivia Brothers for a fun and engaging evening of trivia fun for the whole family. Preregistration is required through their website at http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=MATTAP&curName=2020/10/29_Challenge_TRIVIA



Challenge! Trivia is now virtual... and since you can't come to us, we'll come to you! The Trivia Brothers have managed to squeeze the same zany, light-hearted trivia fun into a package small enough to fit on your computer screen! That's right, you can now enjoy your

very own, personalized "Challenge! Trivia" episode from the comfort of your own home!

Enjoying an episode of "Challenge! Trivia" is easy. Here's what you need to know: First and foremost, you will need two devices in order to enjoy the optimal experience - a computer (to join the Zoom meeting) and a smartphone or tablet (to play the game). Teams can be comprised of individual or multiple players. The recommended team size is 3-6 players. If members of a team are in separate locations, we suggest arranging a conference call during the game. It is important to note that each team will use only one smartphone or tablet to enter the game and submit the answers. Use the Zoom link provided by your event host to connect. Your link will be available the day of your episode.

We strongly suggest using a computer to enter the meeting and view the episode.

("Virtual doors" to the waiting room will open 10 minutes prior to the start of the game and the game will begin promptly at the advertised start time.) Although it's not mandatory, the Trivia Brothers suggest joining the meeting with video on so they can interact with you! Then, once the episode officially starts, the Trivia Brothers will tell you how to register (using your smartphone or tablet) so you can play! Don't worry, there is no special app to play, simply a website that will be announced once you are at the event. Again, it's one phone/tablet per team during gameplay."



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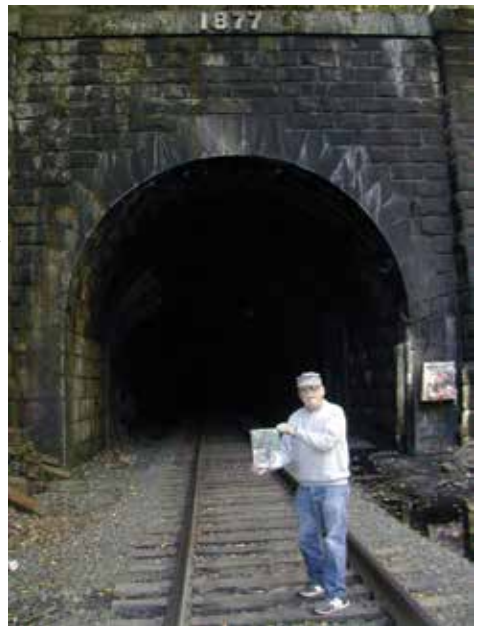
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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Jack Eklund speaks to the assembled congregation of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church on the subject of Pastor Appreciation Sunday and offers a gift as a token of the congregation's esteem for Pastor Amy Lignitz-Harken. Photo by Jennifer Shepley

It hasn't been a great year for travels, but some folks have gotten out! Don't forget to bring along a copy of *The Wanderer* on your travels and share your pictures and stories with the community! Dick Langhoff of Mattapoissett stands in



front of the Eastern Portal of the Hoosac Railroad Tunnel, a 4.75-mile-long tunnel through Hoosac Mountain extending from Florida – the town – to North Adams. The tunnel was completed in 1877 and is considered by some to be haunted. 196 lives were lost in the tunnel's creation, mainly due to hard rock faulty black powder and nitroglycerine blasts. The tunnel currently passes approximately eight freight trains a day and is frequented by railfans from all over New England. Photo courtesy of Hans Katzel



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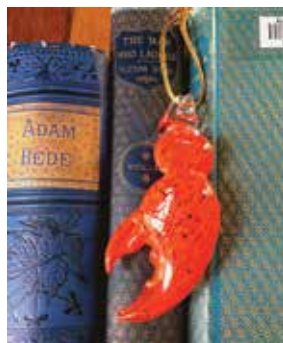
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For more information about this program plus the link to register online, visit the library events calendar or website at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org


Elizabeth Taber Library Ornament Sale

The Elizabeth Taber Library announces its 2020 ornament sale. A stunning crimson lobster claw, hand-blown by the craftsmen at McDermott Glass Works, is now available. Each ornament is signed and numbered. The Lobster Claw is perfect for holiday decoration, a hostess gift or to shine in your window all year. A limited number of ornaments are available. To order, and to arrange for contactless curbside delivery, call the Library at 508-748-1252. Payment of \$30 can be made via check or PayPal.



Mattapoissett Lions Club


The Mattapoissett Lions Club held its fifth electronics and household appliance fundraiser event on October 17. Families and companies emptied their attics, basements, garages, storage areas, boats, etc. of surplus and unused electronic items including, video, audio, kitchen appliances, office equipment and much



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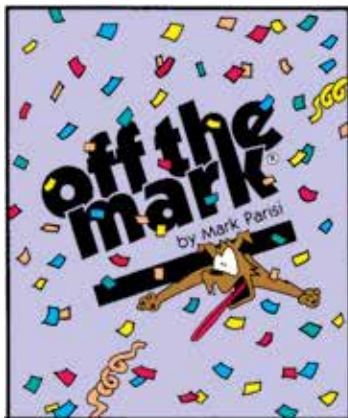
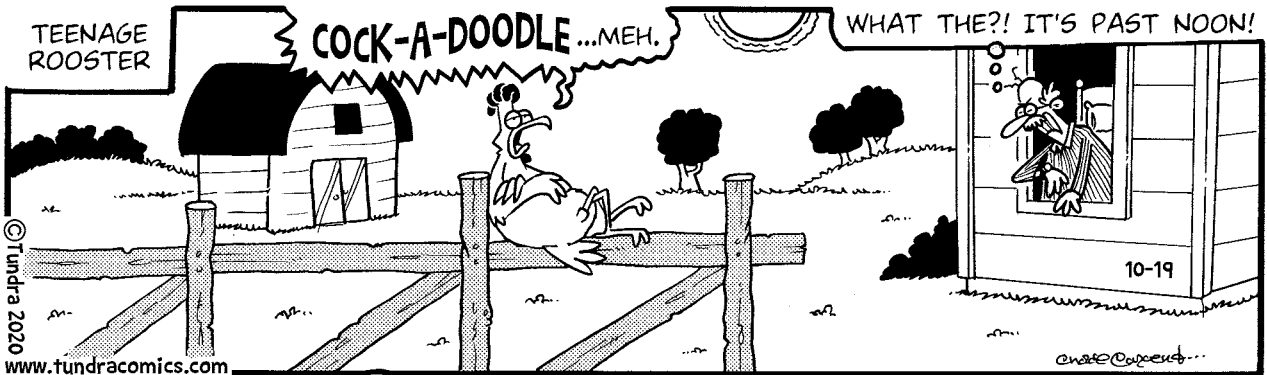
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Mattapoisett Library Hosts Author Darcy H. Lee

Darcy H. Lee, author of *Ghosts of Plymouth*, Massachusetts, will talk about her book via Zoom on Thursday, **October 29** at 6:00 pm. Plymouth is known worldwide as "America's Hometown," the landing place of the Pilgrims in 1620 and home of the first Thanksgiving. But the real story of the town is a tale of grim beginnings, plague, desperation, massacre, murder, and fear. A ghostly Victorian couple is known to wander Burial Hill. A shocking crime on Leyden Street, one of the oldest streets in America, still haunts the area. The crew of the brigantine General Arnold, trapped offshore during an icy eighteenth-century blizzard, are suspected to haunt not one but three locations. Author Darcy H. Lee exposes the haunting acts that lie beneath Plymouth's cherished history.

Darcy H. Lee is the Executive Director of Samaritans of FR/NB, Inc. Most recently, she was the Director of Development at the Women's Fund of

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Southeastern Massachusetts. Lee started her career at the John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation in Boston, going on to work as Press Aide to United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy, after which she worked in fundraising for different organizations including Clark University, Orchard House - Home of the Alcotts and Pilgrim Hall Museum. She also served the Plymouth region as Executive Director of Mayflower RSVP, the county's Senior Corps volunteer agency.

Lee is also the author of two books - the IPPY Silver Medal Award Winner, Eric Hoffer Book Award Finalist and International Book Awards Finalist *Ghosts of Plymouth*, Massachusetts (2017), and *The Fantastic, Fabulous, Funny, and Factual Follies of a Facebook Friend*

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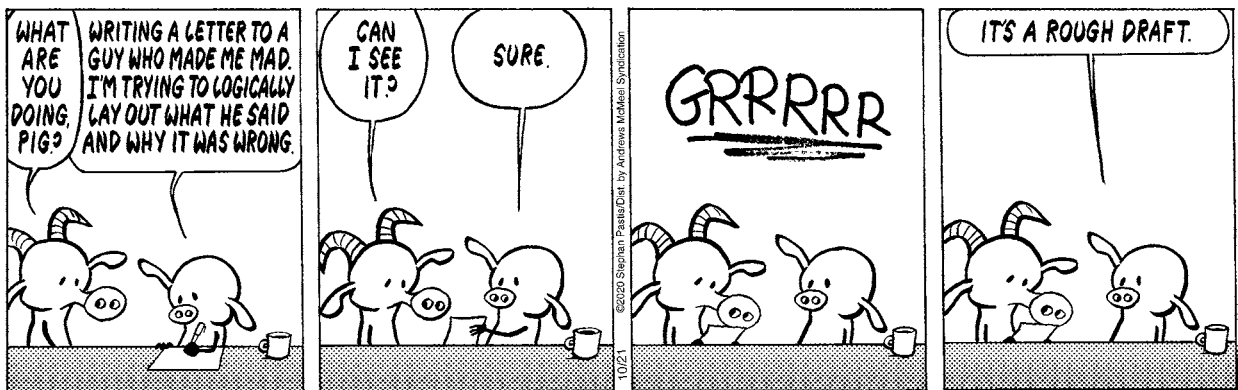
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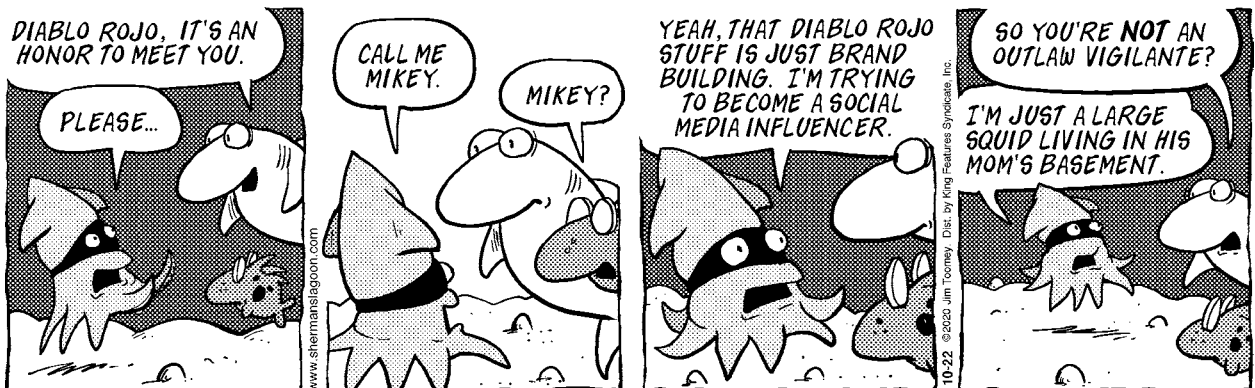
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



(2010).

Lee serves on the board of the Mattapoisett Historical Society, the Fall River Area Advisory Board of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, and the Rotary Club of Fall River. She is a member of the New Bedford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Lee is a 2018 graduate of Leadership Southcoast and is a Paul Harris Fellow through Rotary International. Lee has a BA in history from Marymount College at Fordham University and lives in southeastern Massachusetts.

Registration is required for you to receive the Zoom meeting information. Zoom information will be sent the day before the presentation. You can register by sending an email to mfpl@sailsinc.org or by completing the registration form on our online calendar of events. Call the library at 508-758-4171 or email to mfpl@sailsinc.org if you have questions.

Mattapoisett Halloween Plans

The Town of Mattapoisett would like residents to celebrate this year's Halloween holiday safely.

With the risk of COVID-19 still very much present, and with positive case counts both nationally and locally on the rise, local officials are strongly discouraging door-to-door trick-or-treating this year.

Rather than celebrating Halloween in the traditional manner, local organizations are providing safe alternatives to residents. We are hopeful these events can help keep the spirit of Halloween alive for all children and families in Mattapoisett.

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be holding a Free Fall Family Drive-By event at Old Hammondtown Elementary School on **October 24** from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. They will be handing out (1) pumpkin and (1) goody bag per child.

The Mattapoisett Police Association has cancelled this year's Halloween Parade. Instead, the Association will be having its own Trick-or-Treat drive through event on Halloween at Center School on **October 31** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Proper precautions will be taken at each event so that families can enjoy the holiday with their loved ones safely.

The Town of Mattapoisett has done an admirable job of slowing the spread of COVID-19, but the efforts can not end now. We must all remain vigilant in preventing any further transmission of the virus. Please help by doing your part in celebrating Halloween safely.

Outdoor Places to Enjoy: A MLT Virtual Presentation

See what you can enjoy this fall in the great outdoors! The Mattapoisett Free Public Library invites you to a virtual presentation with the Education Committee of the Mattapoisett Land Trust on Tuesday,

October 27 at 6:00 pm on the properties and trails you can find right in your own community! Members of the Education Committee and the MLT Board will talk about the properties while participants look at trail maps and view photos taken by members. You'll get a great sense of what you can find as well as useful tips for hitting the trails. The presentation will also feature a snippet of a podcast project by student Liam Waldron that was recently completed and will be available on the MLT site, matlandtrust.org.

The Mattapoisett Land Trust, formed in 1974, is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Its purpose is to preserve open space for the enjoyment of current and future residents of Mattapoisett, as well as to educate the public about the sound use of natural resources, and to work with other organizations having the same goals. The MLT Education Program promotes access to and excellence in the environmental sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all area residents and to contribute to the vitality of our community. For more information on how you can become involved contact the Education Committee Chair, Ellen Flynn, by email to elflynn@vassar.edu.

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Get Grounded with Mindfulness Meditation

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With so much going on in the world and constantly shifting events of 2020, you may feel as if the ground beneath you is unsteady and shaky. Join Jessica Webb, certified Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction teacher and founder of Project Wheel House, a mindfulness outreach non-profit, as she leads a guided mindfulness meditation class for the community in front of the library on Thursday, **November 5** at 1:00 pm.



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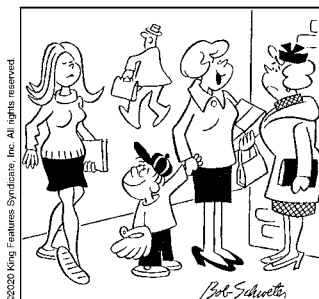
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Mindfulness meditation is a practice that re-directs our awareness or attention to things like the feeling of the breath in the chest or the sensations of our feet on the floor or the sound of a plane flying overhead. Over time, simply noticing these things happening inside you and around you reveals within each present moment a space that naturally causes us to respond instead of react to life's ups and downs.

Registration is required. Chairs will be provided and assigned. Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to. For more information and to register. Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library at 508-758-4171. All programs are free and open to the public.

Grab 'n Go Lunches Offered

The Marion and Acushnet Councils on Aging, in partnership with Coastline Elderly Services, are offering Grab 'n Go lunches prepared by 'On the Go' located in Marion. Lunch is either a salad and soup, or soup and a sandwich. Preregistration is required. Register by calling 508-742-9196 and leaving a message. You do not need to be a resident to participate; all adults over age 60 are welcome. A \$2 donation is suggested. The schedule is as follows:

Marion: October 27, November 2, November 10, November 17, November 24

Acushnet: October 22, October 29, November 5, November 12, November 19, November 24

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Over the years, Rochester farmers have raised corn and cranberries, but also a lot of chickens and pigs. It was said in the 19th century that as the sun rose in Rochester, the crowing of roosters could be heard all the way to Barnstable. Even today you don't have to travel far in Rochester to buy fresh eggs.

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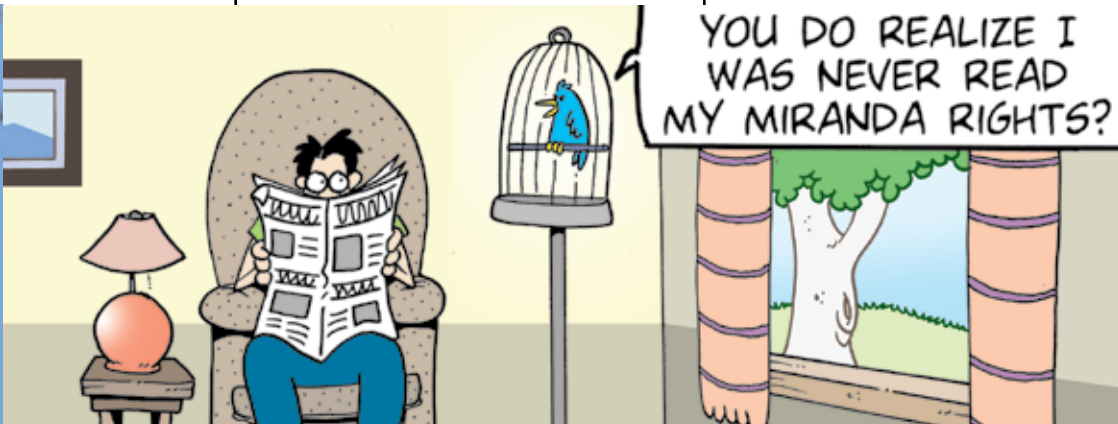


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there was a tall hill between today's Ryder Road and Route 28. Old topographical maps show that it was over 100 ft. high, nearly the same height as Braley Hill. Over the years, this area has been mined for gravel and turned into cranberry bogs. The hill is gone and the area has most recently become the site of Connett Woods.

However, back in its day, it was called Pig Killer Hill and was a well-known yearly hog butchering spot. Every fall, an enterprising local butcher would set up shop there and people would bring their boars and sows from all over the area. As was mentioned, it isn't easy loading a full-grown pig into a cart or wagon, so the pigs were driven in herds to be butchered.

Pigs were driven to Pig Killer Hill from Middleboro, Freetown, Lakeville, Rochester Center, Mattapoisett, and Marion and their routes took them through Walnut Plain. Walnut Plain earned its name from the abundance of Oak, Beech, Shagbark Hickory, Pignut, Mockernut, Butternut, and Black Walnut trees. This was the perfect place for the pigs that might have slimmed down on their journey to root on the ground and



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 *Classified Ads cannot be taken over
 the phone.

Mailing Classified Ads: Ads can be
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 Mattapoisett, MA 02739

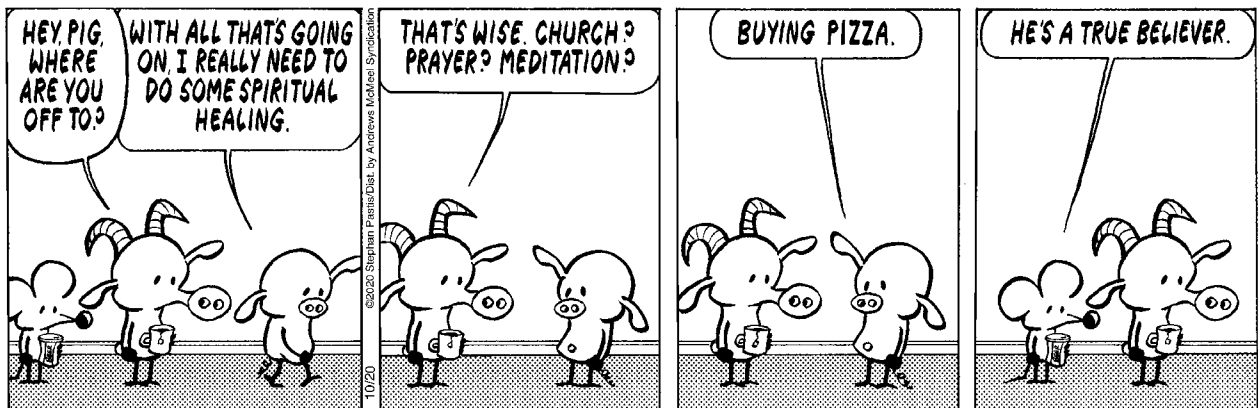
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



eat fallen nuts, both gaining back weight and adding a flavorful finish to the meat that was the end result of their trek.

Though the names of those butchers have been lost to history, L.C. Humphrey in his memoirs describes another local butcher, Elijah Bates, who lived on an old-time farm on Bates Road. While he doesn't mention whether Bates raised his own swine, he does tell us that Elijah cut up and dressed hogs, cured hams and shoulders, made bacon, pigs knuckles, pigs' feet, and ears. He also made head cheese, cut out loins for townspeople, and was said to use every part of a pig, except the squeal. He actually saved the curly tail with a bit of back skin attached to grease the griddlecake iron.

You can't end an article about Rochester pigs without mentioning the one that almost got away. In 1987, this unnamed and seemingly ownerless pig's crime spree was reported in newspapers ranging from Burlington, Vermont to Louisville, Kentucky, including the New York Times.

While the 300 lb. pig roamed the town, he set off burglar alarms, broke doors off of hinges, stole dog food, and eluded capture by police. Twice he broke into Barnes Tree Service by using his tough snout as a battering ram to tear the barn door off its hinges, lured by a 50 lb. barrel of dogfood. He helped himself to a dinner of at least 25 lbs.

Finally, hiding out at Joseph Florentino's farm, he was captured. At the end of his reign of terror, Elmer Lawrence, the police dispatcher, announced his capture, adding "but he ain't talking".

Marion Cultural Council Seeks Local Funding Proposals

Marion Cultural Council is excited to receive online grant applications for individuals and organizations for art and STEM-related projects that will help to enrich the Marion community beginning October 1, 2020. Marion Cultural Council has set a November 15 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities and proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs in the community. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Marion, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. This year we ask applicants to consider a possible virtual or "backup" option/and or dates for their events if possible. The inability to do this will not hinder your consideration however maybe helpful for your project.

The Marion Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in

the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For questions regarding the Marion Cultural Council, contact marionculturalcouncil@gmail.com. Online application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program and a list of the council's priorities are available online at www.mass-culture.org/Marion.

Rochester Senior Center

Early voting for the November 3 Presidential Election for residents of Rochester continues on October 24 and 25 (Saturday and Sunday) from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and October 26 through 29 (Monday through Thursday) from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Early voting does not require advanced sign-up. You may be asked to show an identification that contains your name and address. Regular, in-person voting will take place on Tuesday, **November 3**. The Rochester Senior Center will be closed the following day, Wednesday, November 4, for cleaning. There will be no activities held during the cleaning process.

In an attempt to stop the spread of Covid-19, the Rochester Senior Center has temporarily suspended the following activities; Dental care, French Culture and Conversation, Step & Stretch, and Yoga. Although the



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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey

HERE WE ARE, SHERMAN.
THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA.



Senior Center remains closed to the public, a few activities are held outdoors. Please contact the Senior Center or visit the Facebook page for details. These activities are available to residents of towns that are not described as “red” on the mass.gov map of risk assessment. The Rochester Senior Center board members and staff look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Rochester Senior Center continues to offer resources including; food distribution, lending of medical equipment, SHINE counselors to assist with open enrollment for senior healthcare, and rides to and from appointments and errands. The Outreach Coordinator, Lorraine Thompson is also available to assist with additional resources offered to seniors and others in need. Please feel free to give the center a call if you have a need or require assistance.

The Rochester Senior Center staff, board members and participants would like to wish Edna Holstrom and Bob Gulick a happy retirement. Edna, a 10-plus year staff member, is retiring on October 30. Bob retired on October 16. Thank you for your years of service.

Community Preservation Guidelines for Filing

The Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee will be accepting project funding applications for inclusion in the Spring 2021 Annual Town Meeting through November 20. The Project Application is available on the Town Website and in paper form at the Selectmen’s Office.

Submit Applications by November 20, 2020, to: Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee, c/o

Board of Selectmen’s Office, PO Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Each Project request must be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee using the Project Application Form. Requests must include a synopsis of the Project; supporting documentation (e.g. project cost breakdowns, engineering and/or architectural plans); Project timeframe overview; and may include letters of support from others in the Community. Nine (9) copies of the package must be provided to the Committee.

Applicants should review the Town of Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Plan found on the Town Website before submitting Project Applications.

For more information contact Chuck McCullough at cwmccullough@comcast.net

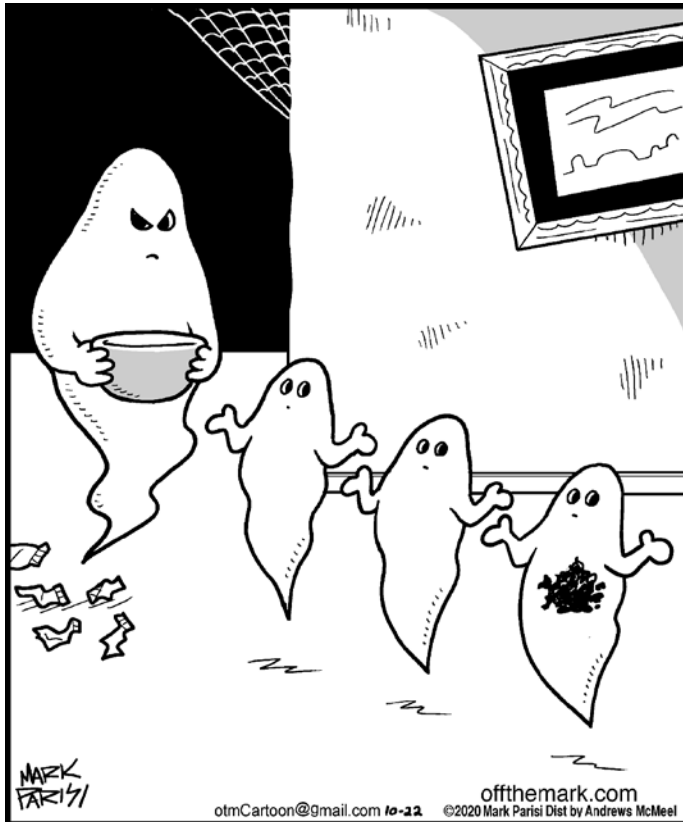
Marion Special Town Meeting

The Town of Marion Special Town Meeting will be held at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium at 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett on Thursday, **November 5** at 6:45 pm. Face coverings are required and social distancing will be required.

Cushing Cemetery

Cushing Cemetery has not had a meeting for a while due to Covid-19, but we now feel safe to hold a meeting in an outdoor setting. We are holding a meeting at Cushing Cemetery on **October 25** at 11:00 am; the rain date is November 1 at 11:00 am. We are inviting the public to attend so they can see what the Cemetery has been doing and to see if they would be interested in joining the board of trustees. Everyone is welcome.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS					
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Mark J Bobseine RT Bobseine, Mark J TR Thomas, Katherine L	Bern, Marvin L Valery-bern, Brenda Frechette, Norman A	2 Port Way 31 Brant Beach Ave	Mattapoisett Mattapoisett	09/30/2020 09/30/2020	495,000.00 230,000.00
Walsh, Michael J	Mackler, Jay P TR Mackler, Gail G TR Mackler Family 2018 RT	7 Brandt Beach Ave	Mattapoisett	09/30/2020	447,000.00
Alves, Nelson M Alves, Kathy Lee	Christos, Speare G Christos, Maria A	4-6 Barros Dr 4 Barros Dr	Marion	10/01/2020	215,000.00
Linda, J Shwartz RT 2004 Shwartz, Linda J TR	Jeffrey, Mark R	102 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoisett	10/02/2020	557,000.00
Adler, Kathleen E Letendre, Kyle C	Turcotte-shamski, Edward TR Turcotte-shamski, Linda TR T-s Trust	17 Crooks Way	Mattapoisett	10/02/2020	550,000.00
Meehan, Jamie L	Pontbriand, Beverly Pontbriand, Beverly Frechette, Ernest D	170 Alley Rd	Rochester	10/02/2020	440,000.00
Briggs, Marion L	Bolduc-perez, Claudine M Bolduc, Roger N By Atty Perez, Claudine Bolduc Atty	41 Walnut Plain Rd	Rochester	10/06/2020	412,500.00
Gil, Danisel Gil, Jennette	Costa, Jonathan Costa, Jessica	912 Point Rd	Marion	10/06/2020	375,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	October 22	12:52	1:24	6:01	8:21
Friday	October 23	1:53	2:25	7:08	9:46
Saturday	October 24	2:54	3:27	9:36	10:45
Sunday	October 25	3:56	4:30	10:52	11:27
Monday	October 26	4:59	5:29	11:37	11:55
Tuesday	October 27	5:54	6:19		12:10
Wednesday	October 28	6:41	7:01	12:15	12:40
Thursday	October 29	7:21	7:39	12:37	1:12
Friday	October 30	7:58	8:14	1:05	1:47
Saturday	October 31	8:31	8:49	1:38	2:25
Sunday	November 1	8:03	8:24	1:13	2:03
Monday	November 2	8:35	9:00	1:49	2:41
Tuesday	November 3	9:09	9:39	2:25	3:16
Wednesday	November 4	9:46	10:22	3:01	3:50
Thursday	November 5	10:30	11:11	3:39	4:27
Friday	November 6	11:21		4:19	5:10
Saturday	November 7	12:03	12:16	5:08	6:10
Sunday	November 8	12:58	1:13	6:11	7:33
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	October 23rd	Full Moon	October 31st
		Last Quarter	November 8th	New Moon	November 15th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the October 15, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 64!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

MOB	LAB	AMBA	CANAL	SPA
TSA	IRON	ORE	ASTRA	TUX
WHIRL	ING	DERVISH	ES	ACE
TERI	LED	ORO	THANKS	
FAN	BLADES	CLOCK	HANDS	
ATA	TRU	OATS		
AUTOMOBILE	TIRES	ATON		
ARISE	NSYS	AIL	MOROSE	
ALMA	EAT	COMPACT	DISCS	
EGADS	OAF	STAVE	CAT	
HEWER	TORNADOES	TSARS		
IDA	THECW	LEN	EPSON	
FERRIS	WHEELS	EDU	WISP	
IMPOST	RLS	OPT	EDENIC	
SASS	CELESTIAL	BODIES		
TEMP	TOT	TLC		
TURN	TABLES	CAROUSELS		
MOSAIC	ULM	EAU	ALI	
ANA	GOAROUND	INCIRCLES		
KEG	MONEY	FIRTREE	ITS	
ERE	AKIND	CENSORS	SOY	

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Violate
2. Dispute;
3. Precept;
4. Secret

Today's Word
SPORTS

Sudoku Answer

8	9	5	3	1	2	6	4	7
1	3	4	6	7	9	8	2	5
7	6	2	8	5	4	1	9	3
9	1	3	5	6	7	4	8	2
6	4	7	9	2	8	3	5	1
5	2	8	1	4	3	7	6	9
3	7	6	2	8	5	9	1	4
2	8	9	4	3	1	5	7	6
4	5	1	7	9	6	2	3	8

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Pasta Sauce** **2/\$5**
19 oz. Selected (Excludes Fava)
Progresso Beans..... **4/\$5**

5.5 oz. Selected
**Food Should
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Tortilla Chips** **2/\$5**
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– The Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team

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- Keep a safe social distance



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24 Pack
Water
\$4⁹⁹



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8 oz. Selected
Bars or Shredded
Cheese
2/\$5



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Pumpkinhead
12 Pack
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+ Dep.



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Sauvignon Blanc
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